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GRAHAM SWIFT, a novelist who has expressed regret about the "racehorse element" of competitions, last night won the 1996 Booker Prize, the literary world's £20,000.answer to the Grand National.

Although his novel Last

Orders, a story of a bizarre

day's outing, was the hot favourite, there had been rows

between the judges. Their

chairman, Carmen Callil, co-

founder of the feminist pub-

lisher Virago and a critic of the

male-dominated publishing

industry, objected to his book.

She was batting for Margaret

must be the worst chairperson

to have. You need to be

objective and diplomatic. She

is the most unobjective and undiplomatic person in the

However, an insider said it

had been a close-run thing.

The choice was between Swift.

Atwood and Seamus Deane

(Reading in the Dark). The others — Beryl Bainbridge

(Every Man for Himself).

Rohinton Mistry (A Fine Bal-

ance) and Shena Mackay (The

Orchard on Fire) - were

ruled out very early in yester-

c'sy's final judging session.

"Part of the trouble." he said

"was that the judges read

those shortlisted works two or

three times. Some were thin-

BookTrack, which has mon-

itored sales of the six short-

listed novels in more than 600

bookshops, reported on Satur-

day that Last Orders had sold

only three copies in that week.

living in Wandsworth, was

shortlisted for the Booker for

Waterland, described as the

finest British novel of the

1080s. His work has been

translated into more than 20

languages. He regards Last

Orders as his strongest yet.

Swift, born in 1949 and

ner on the third reading."

Atwood's Alias Grace. One source said: "Carmen

history of the world."

Swift's Last

Orders wins

close-run

Booker race

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent



Graham Swift and

The judges eventually con-

cluded that it was "beautifully

In a formal statement, Ms

Callit said: "Choosing the

winner was torture, but we

eventually settled on Last Or-

ders, a wonderful book that

will give pleasure to thou-

Auberon Waugh, editor of

The Literary Review, said:

The Swift is not my favourite.

It lacks a sense of the ridicu-

lous and humour." But

Alastair Niven, literature di-

rector of the Arts Council of

England, said Swift was "such

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sands of people."

a intuitive writer".

reliective of this country at

moment." the insider said.

Graham

Attempt to evade Euro ruling vetoed

Caning call earns rebuke for Shephard

By Philip Webster and John O'Leary

JOHN MAJOR was facing a revolt- by rightwingers last night after reproaching Gillian Shephard for suggesting that schools could bring back

Several backbenchers said that they would back an education Bill amendment to restore corporal punishment in state schools, even though Mrs Shephard had to tell the Commons that the Government could not support it.

The deep split over the issue was exposed after the Education Secretary described corporal punishment as a very useful deterrent. Her pronouncement on BBC Radio was swiftly followed by a telephone call from the Prime

Minister advising her against pressing the idea any further.
Tory MPs hoping to use the new Bill to give parents the right to consent to the caning of their children, bypassing a 1982 European Court of Human Rights ruling were angry that Mr Major had

scoppered their move.
Mrs Shephard was aware of their views when she made Ther controversial statement yesterday morning, and she was later cheered by Tory backbenchers in the Commons when she repeated her support for the cane. She admitted, however, that Mr Major took a different personal view and said that while



amendments might be tabled seeking to restore corporal punishment "we won't be giving them government backing".

place down - no one

can keep control"

James Pawsey, chairman of the Tory backbench education committee, nevertheless made plain his backing for a change to the law to allow parents to consent to corporal punishment in the new home-school contracts. He said that many parents would rather their children were caned than excluded from school.

The episode delighted the Labour leadership and Tony Blair mocked Mr Major for "contradicting and repri-manding" Mrs Shephard

Mother's legal action over school closure

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE mother of Matthew Wilson, the 10-year-old boy whose bad behaviour led to the closure of a primary school. said yesterday that she was seeking a judicial review over the headmaster's actions. Parnela Cliffe claimed her son was being used as a

political pawn by unions, politicians and teachers. The gates of Manton Jurior School in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, were closed after Mr Bill Skelley, the head, decided not to allow Matthew into lessons. Mrs Cliffe's solicitor. Steve Williams, said his client had come to him in frustration. She said that Matthew and

herself had done everything asked of them by the teachers, the unions and the local education authority. Matthew is being used as a political

Mr Williams added that an action would definitely be lodged which might lead to the school and headmaster

Parents taking their child-ren into the neighbouring infants' school all supported the headmaster's action and blamed the governors. Bernadette Barass, 38, and mother of 10-year-old Alison, said: "The governors are not willing to give the head of the school the benefit of the doubt. They're not seeing what he's seeing, and if they did their eyes would be opened. The governors appointed this man and now they won't listen to him." Mr Skelley would not com-ment yesterday but a spokesman for his union, the NUT,

said everyone was "very saddened" by the situation. Fred Riddell, chairman of Nottingham's education committee, said that the LEA would be meeting the school governors and unions sepa-

rately today.

Meanwhile, Matthew kicked a football of his own outside his home as he took advantage of what may be the first of many days off school.

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

IN NEW YORK

SIR Cameron Mackintosh, the British

impresario, has shaken New York's

theatre world by sacking almost all the east of his long-running musical Les

In what stage lore may come to recall as the Bloodbath on Broadway, Sir

Misérables.

will open in March

from his mobile phone on a train. But for Conservative MPs it was the latest sign of uncertainty in the Government over how to respond to the morality debate sparked by Frances Lawrence.

The extraordinary sequence of events began when Mrs Shephard was asked on the Today programme about sug-gestions that she and Michael Howard backed corporal punishment. "There is a lot of support for bringing back caning, "she said. Although there was no proposal in her Bill. "I have no doubt there will be people in the House who might wish to bring it forward as the Bill proceeds

through Parliament. Two hours later, Mrs Shephard was interrupted in the middle of a speech while opening a sixth form at a Surrey school to take a call from Mr Major, who reminded her that "settled government policy" was against any

return to the cane. Downing Street said that the Prime Minister had telephoned Mrs Shephard and in a good conversation" asked her "to make sure the position is very clear. The spokesman said there were a range of views in the Government over caning: "But the Government is not persuaded of its practicality. It is not going to put it in the Bill."

Even if the law were changed, schools would be unlikely to revive caning, since all the main teacher and

parent groups opposed it. John Sutton, general secre-tary of the Secondary Heads Association, said: "The world has moved on since the mid-1980s when caning was abolished. Bringing it back would open teachers to legal accusations of assault. It would also raise the question of discrimination - whether it would be

brought back just for boys or for girls as well." David Hart, of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Re-introducing it would leave teachers vulnerable to action for damages under European law. There is also the danger that it would be abused in a minority of cases." The National Union of Teachers said: Teachers do not

want to be involved in legalised assault on children." Britain was the last European country to abolish corporal punishment in state schools in 1986; only a handful of independent schools keep

> Matthew Parris. page 2 Britain on trial, page 10 Melanie Phillips, page 18 day, Christie's announced that Leading article, page 19 they had already netted more



Scramble for Holocaust art

RECORDS crashed yesterday as private collectors, museums and Holocaust survivors bid fiercely for art works that symbolise Austria's neglected Jewish past.

Rarely has there been a sale so heavy with emotion and so politically charged: the 8,000 works of art, looted by the Nazis, represent a slice of prewar Jewish life and the shame of postwar Austrian authorities who made only tepid attempts to trace owners. The money raised in the auction in Vienna will go mainly to Jewish charities; some will help non-Jewish

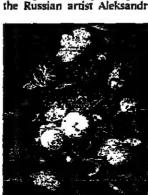
victims of the Holocaust. The first sign that this was no ordinary auction came with Lot 31. An oil painting - roses, tulips and poppies in a glass vase - by the 17th-century master Abraham Mignon was expected to reach \$74,000 (£46,000). It went to a London dealer. Richard Green, for \$1.5 million (£930,000). By the end of the first session yester-

Bloodbath on Broadway as Mackintosh sacks Les Mis cast

than \$5 million, the total expected for two days of bidding. It is clear that this is a very emotional sale," said a spokeswoman for Christie's in Vienna, which is not charging commission. "The results are reflecting its tremendous poi-

artistic significance." The biggest sale was expected to be completed about midnight: a rare painting by

gnancy as well as the strong



Archipenko, Dealers said tha

Peter Noever, Director of Vienna's Museum for Applied Art, gave voice to some of the feelings about the sale: "This is not a moment for joy. These are the heirlooms of the dead. the expelled and the forgotten - stolen art from stolen lives." Jewish community leaders in particular were unhappy about the way Austrian authorities have dragged their feet in the matter for more

than four decades. The Allies, who found the hoard in a saltmine, urged Austria to find the owners and return the works, which include sketches, sculptures. rare books and coins as well as fine oil paintings. Instead, most of the collection was borrowed by Austrian museums or stored. Eventually, lobbying pushed Austria to wards the auction. Franz Vranitzky, the Chancellor, set the new tone with a preauction speech apologising to the Jewish people.

to be taken personally — many of the actors were "people I would like to work with again". However, he did not

want the musical to "turn into Ma-

dame Tussaud's", which was a tenden-

cy with long-running shows.

Shock was only one emotion at play

in Manhattan's theatre district yester-

day. Sir Cameron has two other

musicals on Broadway, Phantom of the Opera and Miss Saigon. They are

a major Jewish institution was likely to win the bidding.

Abraham Mignon's oil.

stealth or because performers move on.

Never before has a top musical shed its

skin in such a manner. Sir Cameron,

with his directors Trevor Nunn and

John Caird, took the decision as "Les

Mis" was preparing for its tenth anniversary on Broadway.

continues to pack in the audiences,

many of them sweet-natured folk from

New Jersey and Pennsylvania - New

York's equivalent of the blue rinse set

who invade London's West End from

The Broadway production has been

en by about six million people and

Mr Caird said the sackings were not

has made good money for its backers, taking \$250 million at the door.

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Cameron announced radical changes to the decade-old show because it was suffering from "long-run-itis". Nearly all the 37 actors will go, and a new cast The musical's logo of a torn-clothed, smudge-faced waif was, by all accounts, a fair reflection of the scenes in the dressing rooms of Manhattan's

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The second secon

Imperial Theatre after the news was

conveyed to the cast on Sunday. They

had just performed the matinee when they were called on to the stage and told that the show needed freshening

One source said yesterday that there

had been "a run on the tissues" immediately after the news was broken

and much dabbing of powdered noses.

Only one actor in a major part will be

The American branch of Equity, the

actors' union, said the move was

"unprecedented and very distressing"

and promised to help actors to obtain

pay-offs, some of which may reach \$17,000 (£10,000).

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Rare stroke of pluck given a caning by Corporal Punishment

bate yesterday offers a vignette of the dreadful level of Commons exchanges we can expect to witness until the election. Labour's Margaret Hodge (Barking) put a point to Education Secretary Gillian Shephard, then walked out of the Chamber while she was responding to it. Class sneak David Shaw (C. Dover) asked Teacher Shephard to reprove her. "I don't expect she'll be

the whole coming political

Johnson once said, are proof of the triumph of hope over experience. So are sketchwriters who return to Prime Minister's Questions after the long Recess believing we may finally see something worth

Maybe John Major, after a summer's reflection, will relax, desist from his peevish digs at the Opposition, and talk to MPs in the grown-up Conference in Bournemouth?

Maybe Tony Blair will stop moralising, scale down his absurd rhetoric, allow himself a chuckle and give up the clanking, creaking soundbite he has plonked onto the end of every question for two years?

Some hope. They learn nothing. Three months to stand back and reassess and, come 3.15 on Tuesday October 29, what do they do? Lurch straight back into the same weary, slippery and



unconvincing routine which every poll has been telling them for years serves only to irritate the public. What have I to report to you

from yesterday's session that is even amusing, let alone sig-nificant? A couple of Labour MPs, including the Party leader, tried to trip up the Prime Minister over BSE and the

European ban: a problem which any fool knows can only be exacerbated by a threeminute Punch & Judy dingdong in the Commons. A Tory backbencher, William Powell (C. Corby) asked a creeping question" (congratulating Mr Major on his Asian trip) so toecurlingly craven that to apply the term "poodle" to Mr Powbrave and intelligent dogs.

Courage, in fact, seems to have fled the Chamber, not to return until after the election. Mr Blair didn't even dare mention the inter-Tory squall over corporal punishment until his final soundbite, when it was too late for Mr Major to ask him his own views. As for Major, he ducked the question

But the Education Secretary herself yesterday savoured for the first time a pleasure this Centrist Conservative politi-

cian has until now abjured: the sweet sound of the united cheers of the Tory Right. In the course of an unmemorable speech in the Education Debate, listened to fitfully by a handful of MPs, Mrs Shephard decided to repeat that she personally favoured corporal punishment in schools. The lusty roar of support for this which greeted her from behind, at first

startled, then pleased her. A baleful pointer to the future. In fact whenever the subject was raised - which it repeatedly was yesterday - Mrs Shephard couldn't suppress a mischievous grin. This tiny. bird-like figure, in a trim black suit, white blouse and pearls, resembled a schoolgiri whom the head had smacked for insubordination, but who, because of this, had become something of a star among the rowdier elements of her class.

Headmaster Major ought by now to recognise the danger of corporal punishment at Westminster. It can turn a first-time offender into a hero. and permanent rebel.

Winning to seek meeting with Blair over abortion

By Shirley English

THE head of Scotland's Roman Catholics will seek a meeting with Tony Blair in an attempt to clarify the Labour leader's position on abortion and place the "right to life" at

the centre of moral debate. Cardinal Thomas Winning of Glasgow yesterday repeated his earlier criticism of Labour's stance on abortion and refused to apologise for remarks in which he accused Mr Blair of having "washed his hands" of the issue. Cardinal Winning said abortion was "an obvious moral issue - perhaps the most serious of nation was considering ban-ning guns after Dunblane. defending the right to life of the unborn child was not "out of place", he added.

He said he had singled out Labour for criticism because they might well be the next Government* and Catholic voters had a right to know

where the party stood.

Cardinal Winning was un-repentant in the wake of Labour anger over his comments on the BBCI's Everyman programme on Sunday, in which he said Labour and Tony Blair had "consistently our times". At a time when the avoided" condemning abor-

born children?" Churches urged to

THE ARCHBISHOP of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, yesterday appealed for churches to allow buildings and land surplus to their needs to be used for low-cost housing (Ruth Gledhill Cardinal Hume, speaking

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at Central Hall, Westminster, said churches had a role to play in highlighting the moral aspect of homelessness, and also in giving practical help to those in need of housing. He urged churches to identify 100 potential sites nationwide which could be developed for

surely right that consideration should be given to using any surplus church property to help homeless people when that property is being dis-posed of," he said. "Today in Britain we have a situation where very large numbers of people do not have a decent home. Few things are more

basic than a home."

The Right Rev John
Gladwin, Anglican bishop of
Guildford, backed his appeal. Church sites are already being developed in Plymouth, Bo ton and Portsmouth.

tion. Yesterday he said his words were not meant as a personal attack on Mr Blair and he had no intention of apologising. "When the Church does take part in, or open a moral debate in a pluralistic society, it means that she is calling for dia-logue." he said. "The question I am really asking of all political parties is: is the Abortion Act of 1967 appropriate for 1997? Have we not had enough of the killing of un-

Cardinal Winning said he was not telling people how to vote: "That would be foolish. But the Labour Party is very strong in this country, and might well be the next Government, so it is very important for us to know where they stand. I am not going to say they are any worse than the Conservative Party as far as the pro-life issue is concerned. "Labour is very much in-

volved in the lives of our people and we would like to know clearly what their policy is. We need to see that they respect those who vote for them and won't dismiss (their views] as right-wing Catholicism." He said Labour had "singled itself out" for criticism because its record on abortion was "not good". It was the only party he knew of that upheld the 1967 Abortion Act and he feared that, if it took power, it planned to

introduce the act to Northern

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Cardinal Winning: refused to apologise over remarks

Ireland - something Labour

has denied. Labour yesterday welcomed Cardinal Winning's assurances that his previous remarks had not been intended as a personal criticism of Tony Blair. John McFall, deputy shadow Scottish secretary, said: "This is not a party political issue but has tradtionally been a matter which is subject to a free vote in the House of Commons. It is therefore right that the Cardinal should address his comments towards all politicians, as he did today.

Jane Roe, of the Abortion

issue. That is really what he is encouraging, by linking it to party politics. He can chose to believe that abortion is always wrong, but that does not mean it is fair for him to impose those beliefs on others."

Mrs Roe said as many Catholics as non-Catholics had terminations. They are living in the real world and not in the ideal, hypocritical world of Roman. Catholic

Law Reform group, which

campaigned for the 1967 Act.

condemned the Cardinal's in-

tervention as an attempt to

make abortion an election

Challenge 'would free thousands of inmates'

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of prisoners would benefit from early release or a shorter jail term if a court challenge to the way prison sentences are calculated succeeds, the Lord Chief Justice was told yesterday.

Stephen Richards, counsel for the Home Office, also drew attention to the consequences of claims for false imprisonment from inmates who believed they had been unlawfully detained. He said: very serious indeed, both in terms of the release of existing prisoners — and no doubt in terms of claims for false

Michelle Evans, 22, serving two years for burglary, actual bodily harm and assault, and Paul Reid, 19, serving two years and three months for burglary and receiving stolen goods, are bringing a test case over the way time spent on remand is deducted from concurrent sentences, it follows the early release of more than 500 prisoners serving consecutive sentences. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, blocked further releases.

Evans and Reid argue that the current system of deciding how many days should be deducted for time on remand in custody was "hopelessly complex" and unlawful.

Mr Richards said change would produce a wholly unjustified benefit for thousands of defendants whose sentences and release dates have been determined." Lord Bingham reserved judgment.

Labour and Lib-Dems to discuss reforms

Labour and the Liberal Democrats announced yesterday they will hold joint talks to try to pave the way for sweeping constitutional reforms in the lifetime of the next Parliament Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown have given their full support to the establishment of a cross-party committee to

Proportional representation, reform of the House of Lords, devolution and a Freedom of Information Act will dominate the agenda of the committee, which met for the first time yesterday and will prepare reports for both party leaders. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, who is leading the Tories' defence of the constitution, said: "The Lib/Lab pact which laid Britain low in the 1970s is back."

School assault charge

A primary school head teacher was yesterday charged with common assault on one of his pupils. John Mann, 46, is alleged to have assaulted II-year-old Paul Price when be intervened in a fight at Portsdown Primary School, Portsmouth, in May, Mr Mann, who denied the charge at a pre-trial review at Portsmouth Magistrates' Court, is due to appear again on January 10. School discipline, page 10. appear again on January 10.

Youths brought to book

Parents are to get police reports on their teenage children's antisocial behaviour or the streets of Cambridge and nearby villages. Teenagers causing a nuisance with noise, loutish behaviour and drunkenness will no longer be moved on but will have their details taken in an effort to curb such behaviour. Their parents will get a full briefing with advice on how to deal with problems. Caning dispute, page 10.

Beckett's EMU doubts

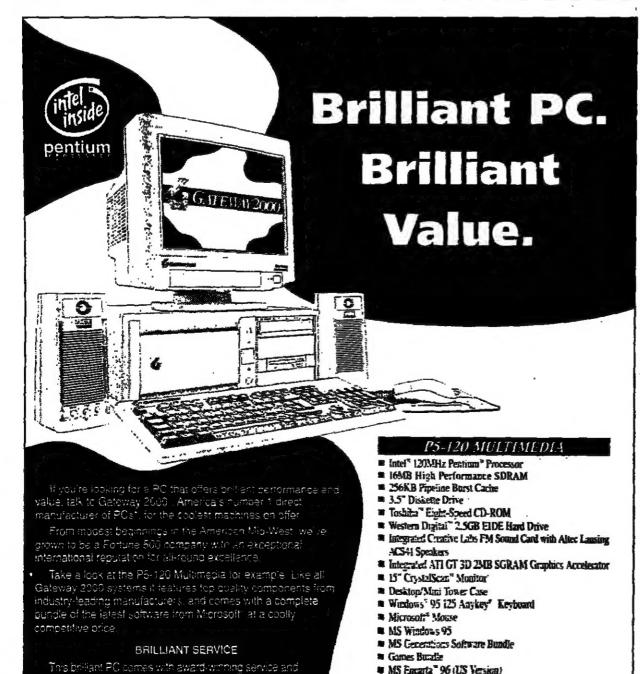
Margaret Beckett expressed renewed doubts whether a Labour Government would join the first round of a European single currency. The Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary said the "great nightmare" facing Britain was that it woul not be economically strong enough for monetary union by 1999. Her comments reflect recent signs that Labour no longer wants to join a single currency in the first wave:

Mail staff set to strike

Postal workers' leaders will today announce the results of a ballot on more strike action at the Royal Mail. Leaders of the Communication Workers Union were last night confident that members working for the Royal Mail would have vok for new strikes. CWU postal members mounted eight days of strikes earlier this year but suspended the action for a new ballot over the pay offer.

The lost post

A postman who hid mail under his bed because did not like making deliveries up steep hills in Stroud, Gloucestershire, was sentenced to 240 hours community service by magistrates and ordered to pay £191 compensation for extra deliveries. Mail investigators found more than 1.800 letters, packets and circulars after complaints led them to David, Bedwell, 23. He has since become a student.



Mackay to chair marriage team By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent THE Lord Chancellor will next week launch a top-level initiative to help to prevent marriage breakdown and cut good ways of helping people prepare for marriage." The aim of the task force

the divorce rate. A marriage "task force"

chaired by Lord Mackay of Clashfern will announce a scheme to generate new ways of helping married couples to stay together. Lord Mackay, who is the minister responsible for mar-

riage, said yesterday that his team of officials drawn from eight government depart-ments will invite ideas for new schemes to support couples. The task force, which was

set up under Lord Mackay's chairmanship last year, is to pump funds into projects designed to cut the rate and costs of marriage breakdown.

Entering the current moral controversy yesterday for the first time, the Lord Chancellor also delivered a blunt message that practical help to stop marriage breakdown was of more use than debate. He told The Times: "I believe in the importance of doing something practical and what I am trying to do is to work out

will be twofold: providing practical help and advice before marriage and in the early days of a marriage where pressures arise over parenthood or career choices; and publishing a directory of marriage support services.

These are difficult times. But I personally want to address the practical issues the state can address ... I would regard it as a practical matter to prepare people for marriage and the responsibil-

He also lent his support to Gillian Shepherd's call for marriage to be included in a moral code for schools.

Lord Mackay is now responsible for funding groups such as Relate that offer marriage counselling. Last year the Government spent £2.25 million on marriage guidance and research. This year it will spend £2.32 million.

Swift happy to be judged by his pier

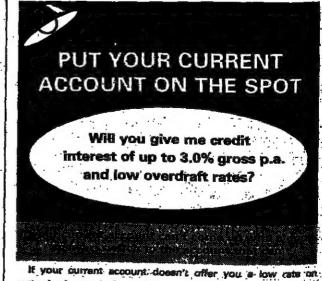
BY ERICA WAGNER

GRAHAM SWIFT, winner of the Booker Prize for his novel Last Orders, has confounded critics with a long-awaited return to form. Many had written him off after he last reached the Booker shortlist 13 years ago with Waterland, his third novel, which won the Guardian Fiction Prize. In the same year he appeared in Granta's prescient "Best of Young British Novelists" issue, which also inclued Martin Amis, Pat Barker and Julian Barnes.

His next two novels, Out of This World in 1988 and Ever After in 1992, received mixed reviews, and he has admitted that his later writing has stood in Waterland's long shadow. "I'd like to think that something I was writing 15 years ago should not haunt me in a HENEWS

said recently. Swift was born in South London in 1949 and educated at Dulwich College (as were Raymond Chandler, PG Wodehouse and CS Forrester) and at Cambridge University. His father was a civil servant and he has described his childhood as "a very ordinary suburban existence". The setting of Last Orders is a world away from that existence and from his previous work. Lenny, Vic. Ray and Vince travel from Bermondsey to Margate with the ashes of Jack Dodds, a butcher, to scatter them from the end of the pier. A strong picture of

with a redemptive power.

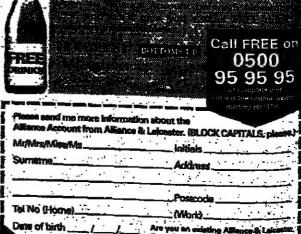


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Hobson: nuisance calls

A RELIGIOUS studies teacher at Wells Cathedral School has received a formal caution from police after making nuisance telephone calls to a former girlfriend.

James Hobson, 54, a department

head at the school, made 913 calls to Julie Wood in 13 days, sometimes telephoning every minute for three hours, Wells magistrates were told.

Mr Hobson was originally charged with making improper use of the telephone but he was issued with a

Police after the charge was dropped. Ms Wood, 37, a music teacher who met Mr Hobson when she was working as a supply teacher at the school, kept a diary logging details of the telphone calls. The months after the couple's affair ended in 1993 were a

ntmare, she said. "I told James that our relationship was over but he couldn't accept it. Every day he would bombard me with phone calls and letters begging me to take him back. It was an absolute nightmare from start to finish." At the hearing yesterday, Patrick appears that they both have had a turbulent relationship. They have both been spoken to and he has been formally cautioned."

Mr Hobson, who was not in court,

In her diary, Ms Wood recorded details of Mr Hobson's attentions. She claimed that he arrived on her doorstep and rang the bell numerous times and wrote to her repeatedly. She wrote to him pointing out that the relationship was over but, she

claimed, he persisted in his attentions. Previously Ms Wood claimed to

Senior town councillors advised Mr Donoghue to undergo counselling for his sexual habits after his secretary, Anne Turville, discovered that he kept a pornographic magazine in his desl at work as she hunted for an invoice for the town crier's dry cleaning.

Mr Donoghue, 43, who is married with two children, escaped a move by Wells Town Council to sack him by

just two votes. Wells Cathedral School, which has the motto Esto Quod Es (Be what you are) was founded in the 12th century. Its fees are £9,000 a year.

Insurers predict £150 million bill after country is battered by 90mph winds

Hurricane leaves trail of destruction

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE country was struggling to get back to normal yesterafter hurricane-force winds that killed five people and caused £150 million damage. The tail-end of Hurricane Lili, which had earlier battered the east coast of America, reached up to 90mph.

By yesterday morning the death toll from the bad weather had increased to five after a pensioner, William Foster Gunn, was struck by a lorry in torrential rain on the A69 near Newcastle upon Tyne.

A crewman on the Swanage lifeboat suffered a broken arm while helping to rescue five people from the 75ft yacht Be Happy. The yacht was sailing from Genoa to Portsmouth when it reported the loss of one engine while 22 miles off the Dorset coast. Two other lifeboatmen suffered bruising and their craft was damaged.

Be Happy was later washed ashore at the base of 150ft cliffs at Chale Bay on the southwest coast of the Isle of Wight. Members of the island's cliff rescue team and a salvage expert were lowered from the clifftop to see if the vessel could be refloated.

A 13-year-old boy suffered a suspected broken arm when caught in a sliding door on a P&O ferry from Cherbourg to Portsmouth. Angry passen-gers said they should not have sailed. Penny Guy, spokes-woman for P&O, said: "I am sure that being on board was not a pleasant experience but no one was put in any

P&O was also criticised for running a Calais ferry. Sharon Foster, from south London, who was on a 33rd birthday spent waiting to enter Dover harbour with no information about what was happening. "We thought we were going to die and were considering trying our luck with the liferafts. One guy went through a pane of glass. When we went down



The yacht Be Happy beached on the Isle of Wight after the crew was rescued. A salvage expert was lowered 150ft from a cliff to check it

carnage. Two coaches looked badly damaged."

Last night coastguards were trying to secure an oil platform that had been torn from its moorings in Portland har-bour while undergoing main-tenance work. A tug was brought from Falmouth but it was found that, after drifting, the American platform had settled on the seabed. An oil platform with 69 men on board went adrift in the North Sea after a tow-line severed in reconnected 90 miles off

The seafront at Minehead, Somerset, was badly hit by the storms. About £2 million of damage was caused to 500 chalets at a holiday camp an the sea walls were pounded by boulders tossed up by the sea.

Much of the Kent coast was placed on flood alert yesterday and the Thames Barrier was raised. In the Blackwater estuary, Essex, four people were rescued from their cars by inshore lifeboat as the tide 40ft seas. But the line was trapped them on the ancient

causeway to Mersea Island. The Association of British Insurers said that the storm damage would run into "tens of thousands of pounds, per-haps even as much as £150 million". The ABI said that the damage had been spread across a wide band of the

try to East Anglia. Loss adjusters said that tens of thousands of compensation claims were expected as a result of damaged roofs, fallen trees and water damage. The weather won some praise,

country, from the West Coun-

however. Norwich Union said that Hurricane Lili would have caused as much havoc as the hurricane in October 1987 had the soil, been water-loggged; because trees would en ripped from the soft earth. The recent warm, dry conditions kept them anchared.

James Duffell, spokesman for Norwich Union, said that most trees had survived because they had already lost their leaves and therefore offered minimum resistance. "The combination of wet soil

the damage far more serious." There would not be a rise in buildings insurance premiums as a result of the storm. Mr Duffell said. In 1987 the

The Second Severn Cross ing passed its first real test, keeping open with speed re-strictions despite 80mph winds sweeping the Bristol Channel. The first bridge, three miles away, was closed for six hours.

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Muslims 'killed student over an insult to Islam'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A STUDENT was cornered and killed after being sur-rounded by a group of Mus-lims who believed he had insulted Islam, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. Nigerian-born Ayotunde "Tundi" Obanubi, 20, died at Newham College in east London after the group, armed with knives. machetes, and hammers,

sought revenge.

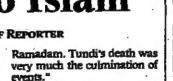
David Waters, for the prosecution, said: They were acting like a pack of hunting animals. Tundi tried to retreat but they pursued him, stalking and charging. As he retreated his attackers were lunging and slashing at him." A ceremonial-type knife was plunged into his heart.

Yusuf Sofu, 21, from Walthamstow, east London, denies murder, on the basis of joint enterprise and violent disorder, on February 27 last year. The group was led by Saced Nur. 29, who was jailed for life earlier this year after being convicted of murder.

Mr Waters said that Newham College had predomi-nantly Asian students, mostly Muslims, but there were also some African or Afro-Caribbeans. For some time prior to February, tensions had been rising of a religious nature between those two groups. the fact that during February

over £300?

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He added that Nur had threatened some of the Africans and warned them that the Muslims would kill for each other. The week before he died Mr Obanubi was stabbed in the arm by an Asian in the student common room after a dispute over whose turn it was to play table

The upshot was those events changed the character of the differences between the two factions, because sadly by that time two factions they had become. And the Muslims felt Tundi had insulted Islam in some way," Mr Waters said.

Susan Roscow, a college lecturer, said members of staff had rushed outside when a large crowd gathered there. Mr Obanubi was herded into a corner and all she could see was knives as a crowd of Asians surrounded him. "I saw the knife go in. I heard this terrible noise from the

stabber, the killer," she said. Frances Sander, the assistant faculty director at the college, said: "I saw people coming towards me and someone had a hammer raised up. I was trying to get in there to do something." Miss Sander said she then spotted Nur alongside the man with the ham-





Cynthia Bagchi, the Mayoress, left, objected to the outfit worn by Rosemary Verlander, right

Mayor's secretary gets dressing down

THE Mayoress was upset when she saw the outfit her husband's secretary was wearing to an official func-tion. She feit that the tight black bodice and yellow silk jacket were "totally inappro-priate" and told her never to

wear that kind of outfit again. The order shocked Rose-mary Verlander, 35, secretary to successive Mayors of Bedto successive Mayors of Bed-ford over the past four years, and she has asked her union. Unison, to intervene. "I was wearing what I considered a smart attractive outfit," she said yesterday. "I take a pride in the way I look and I cert-ainly did not intend to titilate. "I was hurt and upset and angry about what the Mayor-

angry about what the Mayoress said. I am not a blonde leggy bimbo. I take my job very seriously and I take a lot of pride in what I wear. "I've worn this outfit to the office and to the Bedford

regatta in the past and never had any adverse comments. In my job, where I am dealing with dignitaries like MPs and councillors all the time, you have to look smart and professional and that is how I

Cynthia Bagchi, whose hus-band, Apu Bagchi, is this year's Mayor, said: "I did have words with Miss Verlander at a recent function. I mentioned about some of the dothes she wore. On that occasion the items didn't seem entirely appropriate. I think she was a little upset by what I

Mrs Bagchi added that Miss Verlander wore some lovely outfits and said she did "a superb job" for the Mayor, who is continuing to keep her as his secretary.

A council spokesman said that it would be "quite inappropriate" to comment

Finance chief's daughter denies cocaine plot

THE daughter of a director of a leading finance house led a double life as a courier for an international drugs smug-gling ring, a court was told yesterday. dogs were allowed Sara Louise Westwood, 23, around the luggage.

whose father, Roger, is the managing director of Hogg Robinson Financial Services, was caught at Heathrow air-port with part of a £400,000 shipment of cocaine, it was alleged. She was carrying the drug from the Caribbean to Europe when it was discovered in a metal briefcase as she walked through the noth-ing to declare channel, Isle-worth Crown Court was told. Miss Westwood, an unemployed single parent, denies being knowingly involved in the importation of 4.609 kilo-grams of cocaine in April. She

was one of four defendants, the jury was told. Anthony Walker, 31, has admitted the charge and will be sentenced at the end of the trial. David Richards, for the prosecution, said: "Westwood

and Walker were the couriers. They brought the drugs into the country in similar suitcases, each of which contained part of the drugs." The trail began in Trinidad,

he said, where police searched rooms in the Holiday Inn in Port of Spain and discovered airline tickets to Frankfurt. watch as Mr Walker and Miss Westwood separately checked in two similar suitcases for the flight to Germany. When the flight arrived at Frankfurt, dogs were allowed to roam

The dogs detected two suitcases," said Marcus Franken, an investigative officer. Those cases were taken and drilled, and a white powder detected as cocaine was found in the false bottoms." The drugs were left in the suitcases. The drilled holes were said to be too small for

At Frankfurt airport baggage hall, Miss Westwood and Mr Walker kept apart. But when they reached the public concourse, they were observed to meet behind an information board, the court was told.

They then booked flights to London and walked through the departure gate five min-utes apart, watched all the time by officials, it was alleged. Miss Westwood, of Sulham, Berkshire, told police that she had been on holiday in the West Indies and a friend had packed her suitcase.

Two men, Lanceford Wal-lace, 25, and Cedric Edwards, 34, both of Lewisham, south London, were said to be the "minders" for the smuggling ring. They also deny importing drugs.
The trial continues.

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Coming back from the dead is no trivial pursuit

By RICHARD DUCE

ALTHOUGH Daphne Banks was forced to accept her 15 minutes of fame as the woman who came back from the dead, she was furious last night that

certified dead by her doctor after an overdose, but was saved by an undertaker, who noticed signs of life.

Her recovery now features as a question in the latest edition of the popular quiz game. But Mrs Banks, 61, is taking legal advice about what she her plight has now been featured in the board game Trivial Pursuit. Mrs believes to be an invasion of privacy by Banks made news when she was Hasbro, makers of the board game.

Mrs Banks, a farmer's wife from Stonely, Cambridgeshire, said: "They have invaded my privacy. I am not at all pleased. They didn't ask me about this at all and I intend to take it further.

"I am not familiar with Trivial Pursuit and I have never played it. I heard there was a new edition of questions that includes one about me. I concerned, it added.

live in a small village. This game is going to be given to lots of people at

Hasbro said yesterday that it had no intention of upsetting Mrs Banks. The objective of the game was to acknowledge recent news events "and it would be impossible to contact everyone aith

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Police forces 'must do more' to catch burglars

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE Chief Inspector of Constabulary has told police to work harder to solve domestic burglaries after publishing figures showing that less than a quarter of break-ins are

cleared up. The report, produced by Trefor Morris but published by his successor, David O'Dowd, says there is "considerable room for improvement

in the detection of volume crime and burglary". The figures show wide variations across England and Wales in 1995-96 for burglary and violent crime. No force was found to be performing hadly, but very few were

across every area of the five performance indicators.

The report said there had been an effective and sustained performance in anoqq calls and reaching incidents. Forces were also reaching good levels of satisfaction with the public. Clear-up rates for violent crime were still largely high.

However, only 24 per cent of burglaries were solved despite the fact that many forces are now running campaigns targetting burglary suspects. Humberside Police detected 13 per cent of 17,000 cases and Northumbria also solved the

BURGLARY DWELLINGS DETECTED PER 100 OFFICERS 1995-96

considered to be doing well same proportion of 25.000 cases. Lincolnshire detected 41 per cent of 5,148 burglaries.

The number of cases solved per 100 officers averaged 120. West Midlands was at the top with 226 and Lancashire solved 221. Overall, 28 forces showed improvements on 1994-95, but Greater Manchester fell heavily to 104. This is linked to a strategy of targeting suspects and diverted officers to interviewing convicted prisoners for confes-

sions on other cases. The report showed that 65 per cent of violent crime was solved, but within the 43 forces the rate ranged from #1 per

also scored quite highly. Mr O'Dowd said comparison of the figures was complex and while the performance indicafors highlighted differences, they did not provide answers. The report also warned about continued problems of bullying, racism and sexism among police. A survey pub-lished by the inspectorate earlier this year found that cases of oppressive bullying were rising, sexual and racist banter had become more covert but was still being used, and

the national average was 184.

down to Lancashire, Hertford-

109 respectively.

still not taking action. The report shows the number of women officers in England and Wales has risen to a record 14.5 per cent. Recruits from ethnic backgrounds have also reached a record 1.81 per cent. Mr O'Dowd said strong leadership was needed to deal with discrimination and harassment. Progress had been made on equal opportunities but this was not enough.

cent in the West Midlands with 47,000 cases to 96 per cent in Dyfed-Powys with 1,380 cases. On the basis of of cases solved per 100 officers. Nottingham and Staffordshire did best with 359 and 300 shire and West Midlands at the bottom with 117, 120 and Nottinghamshire did well in a number of areas. Avon and Somerset and Staffordshire terrorism 0800 789 321 senior police managers were

> Scotland Yard yesterday launched a £150,000 poster campaign to encourage vigilance against a possible IRA Christmas bombing campaign in London. Senior offi-cers said an escalation of bombing in the run-up to Christmas and next year's general election was likely. Public help was invalu-

able in preventing loss of life and damage to property. David Veness, the Metropolitan Police's Assistant Commissioner, specialist operations, said: 'li, by raising public awareness and reminding people to remain alert; this campaign saves just one life, it will be worth every penny.

High Court frees BCCI fraudster wanted for trial in America

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING figure in the BCCI fraud was ordered to be released from jail yesterday after judges criticised the Home Office over delays in his extradition to the United States.

Syed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, the former treasurer of the Bank of Credit and Commercial International, has spent 14 months in custody awaiting extradition to face charges of alleged blackmail. The

extradition has been delayed by disagreements over paperwork between Britain and authorities in France, from where he was originally extradited. Yesterday two High Court judges ruled that

enough was enough.

Akbar. 52. who has already served jail terms for false accounting and conspiracy to launder drug money, will walk free from Brixton jail today unless the United States authorities issue another warrant for his extradition.

Yesterday's ruling was another

hands of the judiciary. Lord Justice Rose said in the High Court: During the last two months the Home Secretary has shown a personal interest in this case. Had he done so 12 months ago matters might have been different." He added: "The time has come to say enough is enough. He is discharged

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from custody forthwith."

Lord Justice Rose said he was 'wholly unpersuaded" that the Home Office had shown sufficient cause why Akbar should not be set

free under rules governing the length of time a person can be held pending extradition. "Once he was arrested in September 1995 it was incumbent upon the Home Office to take sufficient steps to extradite him." For half of that time the Home Office did nothing and, although the judge said he recog-nised the seriousness of the allegations of blackmail Akbar faced in America, this was all the more

reason to get on with the case. Akbar, of Golders Green, north London, who earned £200,000 a year as head of BCCI's treasury division, has served an 18-month sentence for conspiring to launder drug money and three years of a six-year sentence for false accounting. He fled to France after being released from jail on parole in 1991 during his sentence for drug traificking. He was arrested in Calais and extradited to Britain on

charges of false accounting.
The United States dropped extradition proceedings in connection with laundering the proceeds of

American authorities began new extradition proceedings, alleging that he accepted a \$15 million bribe from BCCI for not disclosing details of corruption to a senator.

He was taken into custody after the Home Secretary agreed that the estradition could proceed, but the French legal authorities blocked the move. They said they had only agreed to the original extradition on false accounting and should be involved in any further attempt by the United States to re-extradite cocaine dealing in Florida. But Akbar on other allegations.

Demoted terrorist killed in ambush

BY NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT.

A LOYALIST terrorist who was "demoted" by the Ulster Volunteer Force last week was

shot dead yesterday. Tommy Stewart, 32, was killed by masked attackers in the Ballysillan area of north Belfast shortly before 2am. A friend escaped without injury. A man and a woman were arrested after the shooting. The UVF, which disciplined

Stewart after he allegedly failed to hand over thousands of pounds from a Post Officeof pounds from a rust officer robbery, hinted that the killing was carried out by non-terrorist criminals with a grudge. David Ervine, the main spokesman of the Progressive Unionist Party the LIVE's religion with a grid the TIVE. political wing - said the UVF had "absolutely nothing to do with the murder.

Security sources said they were keeping an open mind on the shooting. One said: "It is a murky picture between criminal elements fighting among themselves and renegade UVF members."

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, condemned yesterday's murder. He said: "Any murder by anybody of anybody has got to be unreservedly condemned. Without qualification, I extend, my sympathy to those who have been bereaved."

Also on Monday night, three men were shot in the legs , in a suspected loyalist "kneecapping punishment. The men, who are in their 20s, were ordered at gunpoint to queue up for the shooting in

north Belfast.

☐ John Major has agreed to hold talks on Northern Ireland on November 19 with the leaders of the Progressive Unionist Party and the Ulster Democratic Party — which both have links with paramilitary organisations — so long as the loyalist ceasefire holds. it was announced yesterday. They had called for talks this month on the principle of consent, whereby proposals for the future would be put to a popular majority vote. .



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Legislation needed to end widespread breaches that threaten justice, says Lord Chancellor

Mackay plans law to stop media paying witnesses

By Frances Gibb

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PLANS to outlaw the "widespread

The Government is proposing a the administration of justice" and new offence to prohibit payment or steps were needed to "prevent the offers of payment to anyone likely to practice from becoming more be a witness in a trial which is widespread". pending or imminent. The proposals, on which comments are invited. have been drawn up in the wake of the matter can be left to media selfwhat the Government believes were "widespread and flagrant breaches"

which rules out payments of this

... In the recent Rosemary West trial. witnesses by newspapers were unveiled by Lord Mackay of contracts wift, the media Payments Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, such as these, Lord Mackay said yesterday, constituted a real risk to

widespread". He said: "We do not believe that the law in this area is clear, or that

ward, he said, but added: "I believe that Parliament needs to regulate in

His consultation paper proposes that payment to witnesses should become an offence under the Contempt of Court Act 1981, or that it should become a new criminal

The chief danger of paying wit-nesses which the paper highlights was that they might omit something from their evidence in order to leave something exclusive for a story in the media, or might exaggerate evidence to make their stories more newsworthy. Witnesses might also

particular accounts that they may be unwilling objectively to examine points put to them in court."

Even where witnesses were not swayed by contracts with the media. it is likely, the paper says, that cross-examination would raise their existence, suggesting their evidence might be flawed and sowing doubts in juries minds.

The Government says new laws must cover payments in kind, such as expensive holidays, and payments through an intermediary. They would also cover foreign media if the offer were made in this jurisdiction, even if the story were published abroad. It recommends should not be limited to cases where it can be proved there is actual

The Government says there need be only a risk of prejudice for an offence to be committed. The new offence would bite when proceedings were "imminent or pending", as under the contempt laws, so as not to prevent "legitimate investiga-tive journalism", the paper says. A ban on all interviews would be

"unacceptable restriction," it says. "It is the offering, requesting or making of payments which is the basis of the mischief which needs to be targeted." Where journalists had

ual was likely to be a witnesses, there would be no offence. Comments are invited by December 31, including on whether the ban should cease after the trial or carry on for several months after any

possible appeal. The proposals come after a review set up by the Lord Chancellor and the Attorney General in the wake of the Rosemary West trial. They are based on the law of England and Wales but, the paper says, the position in Scotland may also need a

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Palace meeting solves Prince's garden problem

GARDENING inevitably and asked me to put the man came up when Rosemary Verey was invested by the Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace yesterday. In particular, how to keep water in a fountain clear.

Television viewers earlier. this month saw the Prince and his gardening adviser discussing difficulties at Highgrove, Gloucestershire, on BBC2's The English Country Garden. As they chatted informally, walking in the rain while the Prince held a large umbrella, he pointed to a fountain he had designed and talked of his disappointment at the "utterly revolting" murky water. "I have tried everything and it is rather sadbecause otherwise it was going to look rather nice," he

Yesterday, in front of hun-dreds of other honours recipients and their families in the formal splendour of Buckingham Palace's great ballroom, 71-year-old Mrs Verzy was able to tell him that his problem might soon be over. She said shortly after the ceremony: "I told him that, as a result of our programme, I chances — perhaps in the have had a letter from a man. Sydney 2000 Olympics. who is an expert on keeping



the triple jump gold at the Atlanta Olympics in a rare lapse from a long run of successes, was wished good luck for his future by the Prince when he received the MBE insignia for services to athletics. Edwards, 30, who won silver at Atlanta when he managed just 17.88 metres instead of the 18 metres-plus he was siming for, said the Prince made him feel even more positive about his future

new for the garden. I just love

Jonathan Edwards, denied

going there.

The Prince said it was very afortunate that I didn't get



Jonathan Edwards, who won the triple jump silver at Atlanta, and his wife Alison, with his MBE insignia

took a great deal of interest upon Tyne, was at the Palace ed yesterday included Lieumonty Fresco, 71, Daily Mail his wife, Alison, his tenant-General Sir Rupert photographer (MBE), and how I feit at Atlanta. I was in mother, Jill, and his father, Smith, General Officer Com-

Store fined over safety guard that killed baby

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE chain store Argos was found guilty yesterday of sell-ing a child bedguard that killed a baby boy.

The firm ignored danger warnings from two mothers before Matthew I'Anson, aged 10 months, was found strangled at home in Hartlepool, with his head between the bars and his feet dangling off the floor. The £9.99 guard was designed to stop toddlers fall-ing out of bed, but magistrates at Teesside were told that the gaps between the bars were too wide and the product had

no minimum age warning. Suzanne Fagan, from Northwich, Cheshire, had complained to Argos in May last year after her three-yearold son's head became trapped in the bars. Another mother, Rosemary Chesters, from Workington, Cumbria, pointed out the hazard Il months

before the hanging.
The bedguard makers,
Aronstead, of Wakefield, Yorkshire — which have since ceased trading - had reduced the spacing from 10cms to 7.5cms, but some of the old models remained on sale. Argos ultimately spent £250,000 on notices withdrawing them. Out of 74,000 sold,

10,000 were returned. fences and was fined £3,000



Janet Stewart: she said she tried to complain

Sole black officer at jail tells of race hate

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A PRISON'S only black officer suffered a hate campaign after she fell out with a powerful warder who was a friend of the governor, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

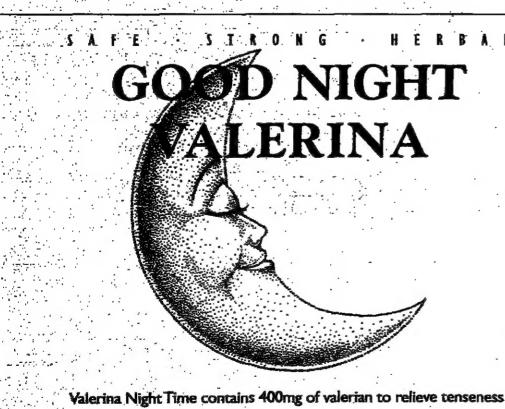
Janet Stewart, 33, who alleges race discrimination, was called a "black bastard", moved to more tedious guard duties and woken at home by the sound of a racist singing outside, it was claimed.

The tribunal at Croydon. south London, was told that her tormentors wanted to job at HMP Latchmere House rehabilitation centre, Surrey, because they saw her as a "danger to the establishment".

Ms Stewart, who has two children, joined in 1992. Her problems were said to have begun in June the following year when she suffered racist abuse from Graham Vaughan, 53, now retired, a former executive committee member of the Prison Officers' Association and friend of Sean O'Neill, 56, who was then the

Ms Stewart's representative, Harjit Grewal, said: "Mr Vaughan had a drink problem. It is alleged he was drunk on June 9 and that he used racist language."

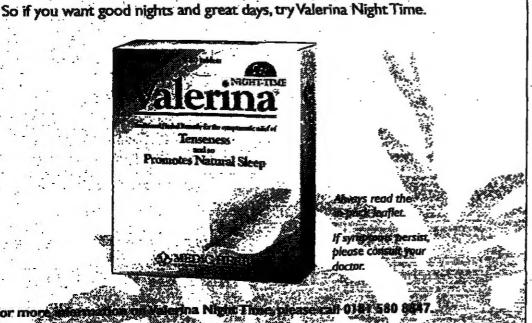
After the incident Mr Vaughan was said to have asked the head of personnel if "that black bastard" had made a complaint against him. Mrs Stewart said she tried to tell the governor of the harassment: "For a long time he didn't speak to me, but when he did he would continually try to throw me off the track b



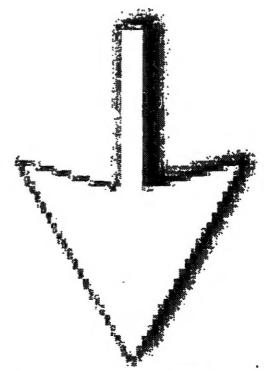
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Queen watches from riverside pavilion as royal barges put on spectacular display

Echoes of Cleopatra as Thais push the boat out

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN BANGKOK

YOU would not mistake the King of Thailand's royal flotil-la for the Oxford and Cambridge boat race, but you might reasonably expect Cleopatra to glide by at any moment. There are 52 barges, rowed by more than 2,000 ratings of the Royal Thai Navy in a traditional costume that looks as if it might have been ceremonial dress at the court of Genghis Khan.

The barge procession down the Chao Phraya river past the golden temples of Bangkok, to be held next week, is one of the highlights of King Bhumibol Adulyadej's golden jubilee. The Queen, on the second day of her state visit to Thailand, watched its dress rehearsal

from a riverside pavilion: -The grandest vessels are entirely gold, matching anything that Mark Antony saw on the Nile, with the exception of Shakespeare's purple per-fumed sails and pretty-dim-pled boys" with fans. Other vessels are brilliant red and all are decorated with the astonishing intricacy of Buddhist art. According to 600-year-old

real chant from the oarsmen that, on first hearing, sounds faintly like Swing Low, Sweet Chariot from some distant Twickenham. Never mind comes from battery-powered on-board amplifiers; this is the electronics-obsessed Far East.

The Queen enjoyed the spectacle, but not the climate. Yesterday Bangkok wilted at 35C (95F) and 80 per cent humidity, causing the Queen to undertake four changes of clothing during the day.

She began in blue and white printed jersey with matching straw hat, switched to tangerine chiffon with another straw hat for lunch and back to blue and white for the afternoon, but without the hat. In the evening, to watch a son et lumière show at a temple complex 50 miles from Bangkok, she changed yet again

into evening dress.

The Duke of Edinburgh matched the quick change routine in the morning, visit-ing a naval academy. He wore



Ratings wear traditional dress in the 600-year-old ceremony. The oarsmen's "ethereal chant" actually comes from battery-powered amplifiers

Admiral of the Fleet, looking ever more like his late uncle, Earl Mountbatten of Burma. For hunch he was back to a dark suit, for the afternoon another slightly less dark suit, and for the evening black tie.

During a visit to the British Council offices in Bangkok, the Queen staged an im-promptu walkabout among the large crowd outside, to the

alarm of Thai officials unused to such informality. Accompanied by Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, one of the King's three daughters, the Queen greeted the crowd, which had been well supplied in advance with paper Union flags, and created much delight simply smiling and saying

At hunch at the Bank of Thailand, the Queen was

again spared the hotter excesses of Thai cuisine. She ate foaming mountain cress soup, supreme of corn-fed duck with a beetroot and apple confit and celery snow, finishing with water chestnut jewels and sugar-cane ice-cream with tropical fruits, accompanied by an Australian chardonnay. Later, at Bangkok airport,

the Queen celebrated a nota-

ble British export success.

Rolls-Royce has sold 20 of its new Trent 800 engines to Thai International Airways, and now has an order book worth £3.5 billion from southeast

There was less encouraging news for the 20 Britons held in Thai jails after being convicted nesty in addition to the cuts in sentences granted by King

Bhumibol to mark his jubilee. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, who is accompany ing the Queen, had talks with his Thai opposite number yesterday but gave no indica-tion that further concessions were on their way. He said that no individual cases had been discussed, despite speculation that one, Sandra Gregory, might be given an early



MICHAEL COLLINS George Brock on the founder of 20thcentury terrorism, in

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Rector, 90, retires with blast at lax morals

By RUTH GLEDHILL

THE Church of England's oldest serving rector an-nounced his retirement yester-day, the day after celebrating

his ninetieth birthday. The Rev Douglas White, Rector of Mudford, near ministry and after 46 years at Modford.

During his time as purson at the village church he has christened, married and buried up to three generations of different families. As recently as the Sunday before last his church was packed for five simultaneous christenings.

But of most concern to Mr. White, who married at 64 to Yolanda, in headmaster's daughter who is 39 years his junior, was the decline in morality he had witnessed in the Church and society. He said yesterday: "I won't stop spreading the Christian word. I agree with the latest moral sade and will be supporting it all the way." Umusually, he ensures that the Ten Commandments are read regular-

ly in full services. Mr. White, who has two children, Joy, 25, and Zoe, 22, said: There is a greater laxity of moral guidance in the Church ... There is an acceptance of large moral defects, which saddens me...

Singing monks tipped for top of Christmas chart

By AUDREY MAGES AND ROBIN YOUNG

THERE could be an unfamiliarly religious note to the pop charts this Christmas. Monks have shot to No 1 in the Irish album chart, displacing the likes of REM and Simply Red. In Britain, monks and boys from a leading Roman the classical chart with a recording of 1,000 year-old Oregorian chants.

Faith of Our Fathers, the trish disc, went on sale ten days ago and reached No l within a week. The idea came to John Keams, 36, an insurance executive, while at Mass in Dublin in February. An elderly priest led the congregation in traditional hymns and the tunes continued to run though Mr Kearns's mind the next day.

"I reckoned none of these classic religious anthems of Ireland had been put on record and most people would never have beard them with an orchestra," Mr Kearns said. "I knew the album could

He set to work with Bernard Bennett, a colleague. Record companies laughed at the idea, but they raised £90,000 and organised a cast of about 200 people, including monks from Glenstal Abbey, the tenor Frank Patterson and the soprano Regina Nathan.

the RTE Youth Choir and the Irish Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir. The 20 tracks were

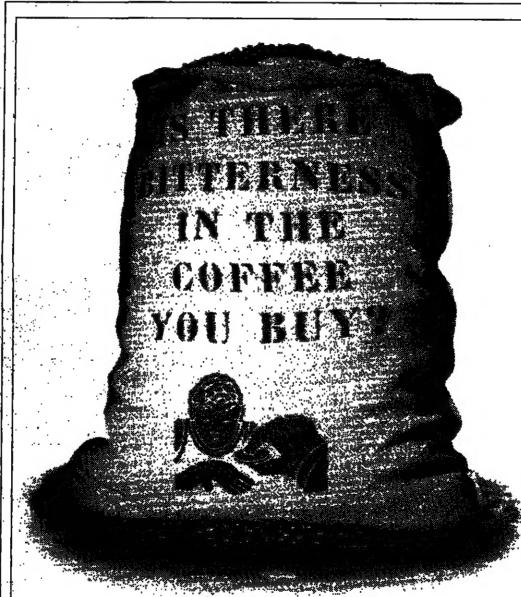
recorded in two and a half days at Maynooth College. In the first week 35,000 albums were sold and up to 200,000 are expected to be tions are under way for Brit-ish sales. Concerts are to be held next year.

The Benedictine brothers of

Downside Abbey, near Bath, are hoping to emulate the Irish success. Their album, The Abbey, entered the classical chart and also reached No 54 in the pop listing after one week on sale.

With the backing of a £150,000 promotional campaign by the record company, Virgin, the monks and their pupils could be in the top ten by Christmas. Father Dunstan O'Keeffe, the monks' choir master, said: "It is a much slower and more meditative style of music, which people do not usually get in the world around them. I hope that it touches the soul."

Two years ago six million copies were sold worldwide of an album of Gregorian chants by Spanish monks. The royalties from the Downside album will provide scholarships and new musical



Minas, Brazil, 1996. A coffee plantation worker toils in 80 degree heat to earn 56p an hour. It's not enough but it's better than nothing. Nothing is what he earned last week when had weather stopped the harvest. Nothing is what he will earn for the next eight months, when the season is over.

A family is paid a pittance for an 11 hour day.

A child of 6 is taken from school to work in the harvest season.

A man breaks a leg in transit to

work, but gets no compensation. This is one side of the coffee industry in Brazil today.

Underneath that heady aroma there's something that doesn't smell so good.

And it's not just coffee. There are heart-rending stories of exploitation behind produce like vegetables, fruit, nuts, flowers, even prawns.

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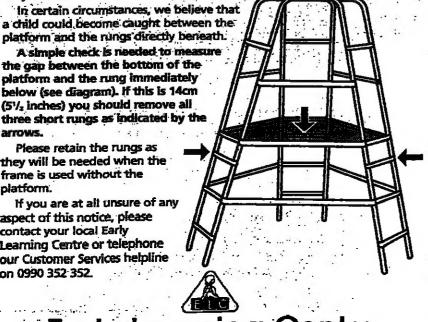
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Poll nerves force delay on bypass decision

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A DECISION on the controversial Salisbury bypass has been delayed by the Government in an attempt to avoid a damaging dispute with envi-ronmentalists before the general election.

The Secretaries of State for Transport and the Environment announced vesterday a minimum of a further three months' discussion on the proposed routes to consider damage to nature and wildlife sites. Construction of the road

looks increasingly unlikely. The 11 miles of dual carriageway, which would cut through sites of special scientific interest, was originally part of a scheme linking Southampton and Bristol. Other parts of that route have already been dropped.

Whitehall sources suggest-ed that John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, and Sir George Young, his Transport counterpart, were reluctant to support the road but did not want to risk new controversy shortly before the election. Also the ministers did not wish to embarrass Robert Key, the local Tory MP and a former Roads Minister, who

supports the scheme.
The Government's announcement may have been influenced by a new report that says the economic benefit of the scheme would not be as

great as previously thought. The delay has angered supporters and opponents of the bypass, first proposed in the 1980s. The district council has backed the scheme in the belief that it will relieve serious congestion in the cathedral city. John Haywood, leader of the Liberal Democrat-controlled council, said: We wanted a decision, even if

that decision was goodbye."

Simon Festing, of Friends of the Earth, said that the

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Government should have demonstrated its environmental credentials by cancelling the scheme. The Government seems to be fudging the issue while the solve the solve the bypass with no justifica-tion as it will not solve the

traffic problems of Salisbury." Friends of the Earth is in discussions with the newly privatised rail freight companies to see how much freight could be carried on a nearby line instead of on the

congested A3o.

The report on the economic lamass was benefits of the bypass was written by consulting engi-neers on behalf of the Highways Agency after the public inquiry into the scheme. It says that the route would not be loss-making, but that the economic benefits up to 2011 would be £107 million commate of £135 million. Sir George Young said yes-

terday that inspector's report from the public inquiry had shown "a strong case for a bypass of Salisbury", but there had been significant developments since the inquiry ended in April 1994. These included the decision to declare part of East Harnham Meadows, an area to the south of the city, a site of special scientific

Mr Gummer said: "We are concerned both about the environment of the people of Salisbury and the need to minimise the environmental impact of the proposed bypass. Before we come to a final decision, we need to satisfy ourselves that the level of impact on the local environ-

Mr Key said: This will ensure that there can be no question of a wrong decision



A selection of the papers, which were taken by Kipling's private secretary. She complained that he had treated her "like a common typist"

Kipling letters found in saleroom chest

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

COLLECTION of Rudyard Kipling's papers has been discovered in two brown paper bags within a chest of drawers consigned to a furniture sale at a Chichester auction house.

The material was taken by a disgruntled employee, Miss K.E. Parker, Kipling's pri-vate secretary from 1902 until 1904. Mr and Mrs Kipling, she grumbled in a four-page memo, treat me like a com-mon typist and yet expect work of as good quality as if they treated me at least with civility and paid me well". The collection includes

heavily corrected typescript of his fantasy story, With the Night Mail, and letters to Kipling which he annotated with his replies. In one, he ment is acceptable."

donor in a story. Kipling declined, explaining that he had only just become used to his present ear. The reply he scribbled on the letter for the secretary to type reads: "Ac-knowledged with thanks, Mr Kipling has, after some time, nore or less mastered the

and does not feel equal to

A GALLERY that was refused

National Lottery assistance to

buy a Lucian Freud painting

has failed to raise the asking

price. The work is now likely

Alberge writes).
Lucian Freud completed

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taking on another. He has no doubt that the 6HP Lancaster has interesting and unusual traits of its own, but he has passed that period in his life interest him. He prefers cars that go on in a perfectly intricacies of one type of car

In another letter. Kipling notes the unsuitability of

buy it for £780,000 but could

raise only £250,000. A lottery

donation was not forthcoming

because the picture was a

said that works of art had to be

The Heritage Lottery Fund

contemporary work.

his stories: "Imagine that imperious ... person turned loose, so to speak, on a story A hint of the tension be-tween Kipling and Miss

Parker emerges in a reference he wrote for her in 1904. Although he described her as entirely honest and a good typist, he noted: "She is in the

Gallery fails in bid for Freud

which drew 26,000 people to a Freud exhibition, had hoped to painting did not qualify painting did not qualify because it was not a commission and it does not help with the purchase of works for

permanent collections. director, said that galleries would be denied important contemporary. works unless the rules were changed.

Edward King, Abbot Hall's

Elizabeth Inglis, assistant Ilbrarian in charge of the Kipling papers at the Univer-sity of Sossex said the collec-tion was entremely interestand would make a me addition to the uni-

chalf of the National Trust. Site said that Mrs Kipling, ather than ber husband, was privacy very jealousy. I don't think he had a reputation for

being particularly cresty."

The collection which led to fetch around £5,000, will be offered on November 5 at Stride, Chick

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Police move against off-licences

Northumbria Police began legal action yesterday to strip five off-licences in Wallsend and North Shields of their alcohol licences. The move is the result of Operation Andy Capp, a six-month investiga-tion into an outbreak of disorder among young people in the area of Tyneside served by the shops. Police believe that much of the trouble stemmed from under age drinking. The applications will be heard within two months.

Piano memorial

Money from a memorial fund for Caroline Dickinson, 13, who was murdered in France, will pay for a piano at Launceston College, where she was a pupil. It will also sponsor a poetry competition and a bed of daffodils at the college.

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Change of heart

from admitting patients after a sex change has had the ban overturned. Sarah, formerly William, Muirhead-Allwood, 49, is an orthopaedic surgeon at the King Edward VII Hos-pital for Officers, London.

Death on road

Coventry, died when he was dragged along the road for more than two miles after being hit by a vehicle or falling as he left a pub, police believe. A van driver has been released on police bail.

Vandal attack

A war memorial in Chap-eltown Park, Sheffield, is to be demolished after attacks by vandals left it beyond repair. The demolition has been approved after talks with the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

Harrods relents

Harrods has dropped a £2 charge to use its lavatories for customers who spend £100 or customers' grievances were well founded, but it was not up to the store to act as a public convenience.



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Drug test reveals pain gap between men and women

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

ences between the sexes but, contrary to popular myth, women are not really any more stoic than men. The latest evidence comes from experiments by an American team which show that the

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senes respond very differently to opiate painkillers. Though relatively ineffec-tive at controlling pain in men, these drugs proved much more successful for women. The results back the belief that the sexes perceive pain in a different way, and suggest that painkillers which are relatively little used because they were originally tested on men may be well worth prescribing for women. scribing for women.

Writing in Nature Medi-cine, Dr Karen Berkley, of Florida State University, says that about half of all trials comparing pain perception show that women have a lower threshold and lower tolerance than men. Others failed to find any difference.

"Females often appear to have lower thresholds, greater ability to discriminate, higher

PAIN brings out the differ- pain ratings and less tolerance," she says. "Women generally report pains in more body regions than men and are more likely to report recurrent or chronic pains that are also more severe and of

longer duration."
New experiments, also reported in Nature Medicine by a team led by Dr Jon Levine, from the University of Califor-nia at San Francisco, show that young men and women.
respond differently to opiate painkillers after operations to remove wisdom teeth. Nalbuphine and butorphanol were administered by intravenous injection as soon as the anaes-thetic from the operation wore off. The amount of pain felt was monitored, showing that the two painkillers worked well for the women, but had

only a brief effect for the men. One possibility is that the male hormone testosterone interacts with this class of opioids, reducing their effect, or that female hormones such as progesterone or oestrogen increase the drug's power. Another explanation is that the drugs linger longer in womens bodies or are metabolised differently, but the duration of the side-effects reported by both sexes argues against this.

Dr Berkley, who comments on the findings in the same issue of the journal, says that the results illustrate the problems that arise from basing so many drug trials upon men. Studies on rats have shown that sex hormones have complex and potent influences on the effects of opiate painkill-ers, she says. "We know that certain fundamental ways, so it isn't surprising that they
may differ in this way, too.
Time of day, the stage of the
menstrual cycle and other
things are very important. ☐ Researchers at the William Harvey Research Institute in London say they have identified a natural mechanism, the protein lipocortin-1, which can halt the destruction of bone

and cartilage caused by rheu-

matoid arthritis. They believe

it may be possible to develop drugs which mimic the effect.



Rocio Nieto Rubio with her daughter and assistant, Rocio Mora Nieto

Spanish vice girls' saviour wins Lady Godiva prize

A SPANISH social worker who has dedicated her life to helping prostitutes was chosen in preference to a Nobel Peace Prize winner yesterday to receive a new international award created by a British

Rocio Nieto Rubio will receive no prize money, but says the Godiva International Award is of great value to her work. "Charities for Aids, the elderly, disabled children and other good causes are all well established and the public support them," she said. "This award is international recognition at last of the problems facing prostitutes and the work needed to help them."

The award was initiated by Coventry council to mark the 100th anniversary of automobile construction in the city. It will be granted annually to a woman whose courage recalls that of Lady Godiva, said to have ridden naked through the streets to force her husband to rescind penal taxes. Embassies in London were asked to nominate women who might qualify.

Señora Rubio was chosen from among 33 worldwide nominees. Those on the

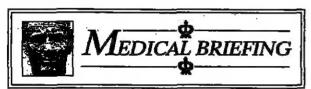
shortlist included Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader and Nobel winner. and Heather Mills, the British model who lost a leg in a road accident and now trains others to use artificial limbs.

The Spanish Government nominated Senora Rubic for her work among the poorest prostitutes in Madrid and Alicante. She began her efforts in the slums of the capital 28 years ago.

I found there was nobody caring for these people dumped in the middle of cities," she said yesterday.
"They need help finding homes for their children. They have no education and cannot cope with bureaucracy. They are exploited by pimps and need help to get out of the drugs habit."

In 1989 she set up an association for the rehabilitation of prostitutes, which is backed by the Government Since then it has rehabilitated 1,200 women and helped a further 3,400.

She is often threatened by imps but finds that the best form of defence is to stand up to them. "At heart these people are just cowards."



Myth that began with childbirth

IT HAS long been known that vomen respond to alcohol faster than men, in smaller doses and that the effect lasts longer. It might be supposed that painkilling analgesics would behave in a similar

One of the striking features

of today's prescribing habits is that fear of inducing addiction leads to painkillers being given in doses too small to be effective. Of the drugs in the ne is usually administered by injection to control mild to if the delivery is not as easy as moderate pain, often after an a they had hoped. The experi-Minesthetic Butorphanol is more akin to morphia. has a similar depressant effect on respiration and can, if prescribed for a very long while. lead to addiction.

The myth that women suffer pain rauch better than men has probably grown up. because of their willingness to start another pregnancy despite the ghastliness of some deliveries. Women's stoicism in the face of appalling, longterm adversity had reinforced the belief that they were, by



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they suffer chronic illness well, and are prepared to forget the pain of childbirth, which can now, mercifully, be removed in most cases, by ambulatory epidural anaes-

Experience in general practice shows that women certainly feel acute pain every bit as much as men, and that they the doctor and midwife know ence of the Californian doctors that painkillers are more efficient in women is also an everyday observation of family doctors, but it is nice to have it analysed and scientifically proven.

The admission of feeling

pain is partly cultural. In societies where children have been told to "jump up, grin and bear it" after minor accidents, adults feel that to admit pain is showing weakness. Never have I seen such tolerance of pain as was displayed by agricultural male workers at my Norfolk practice. They seemed to consider that resorting to local anaesthesia for a minor operation was a reflection on their character, as well as being a waste of time. "Just get your bloody knife out, doctor, and be done with it," was their approach.

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School discipline: Backbench Tories demand a return to 'moderate corporal punishment'

Shephard knew the Right planned a caning campaign

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

had urged Gillian Shephard to restore corporal punishment in state schools before she declared her views

The party's rightwingers had been co-ordinating a campaign and had discussed the ssue with the Education Secretary and her junior ministers. Mrs Shephard expressed her support for caning yesterday in the full knowledge that James Pawsey, chairman of the Tory backbench education committee, was planning an attempt to to reintroduce it with an amendment to the forthcoming Education Bill. Her department had also been approached by members of the all-party Education Select Committee who also support a return to corporal

Yesterday the compaign leaders were furious that the Prime Minister had scuppered their plan, which they claimed had widespread support in the country. The main focus of the campaign was to get round the restrictions of the European

SEVERAL Tory backbenchers Court of Human Rights by drawing up school contracts to allow parents to consent to their children being caned for misbehaviour.

In 1986 Mr Pawsey, MP for Rugby and Kenilworth, lost a similar amendment by one vote, when MPs decided to put Britain in line with the rest of Europe and abolish corporal punishment in state schools. Thirty Tory MPs, mainly from the left of the party, then voted with the Opposition to ban caning. But yesterday even Nicholson joined the clamour to give teachers the means to impose discipline. They argued that discipline had worsened since corporal punishment was banned in 1987. Two weapons had been removed from teachers: detention and the cane.

Mr Nicholson, MP for Taunton and a member of the Education Select Committee, said: "I think there is a role for punishment in

Mr Pawsey, who is once

gested yesterday that school contracts could be changed to allow parents to give their consent. He told the Commons: "Exclusions result in those children who most need education and discipline being put outside the school gates, where the devil will soon find work for idle hands. I therefore argue that should a school wish to insert in its contract a clause which will allow the school head to use the cane in place of edusion, then such a clause should be inserted and the contact signed by the parent. I believe that most parents would prefer their children to be caned on the

Mr Pawsey said he was anxious that teachers had all the sanctions they needed. "Corporal punishment is merely one of those sanctions. The mere fact that it is available would in most cases be sufficient. The cane in the corner of the headteacher's study is in itself a powerful

hand rather than excluded

for Ealing North and a member of the Education Select Committee, said that he would consider putting forward an amendment to the Education Bill to raise the issue of corporal punishment. "I could certainly see myself doing that

much value in proper corporal beating boys until they bleed, I mean moderate and reasonable corporal punishment which is an indignity to the

Earlier Sir Rhodes Boyson.

former headmaster, appealed for for the return of caning. "We now have something like 10 per cent of 15 and. 16-year-olds in open revolt, either inside our schools or truanting in our cities, with an underground like the Artful

World at One. "I think corpo-ral punishment should be brought back. It should be in the Government's Bill with the full backing of the

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Government inspectors arrived yesterday to begin a two-day audit of the Ridings School, Halifax, where disciplinary problems have led teachers to threaten a strike. The inspectors will produce a report for the governors and an action plan for the Education Secretary. The result of a strike ballot is expected by the end of this week

The phone call that brought Major's rebuke

Harry Greenway, Tory MP

By James Landale

GILLIAN SHEPHARD was five minutes into a speech at a school in Surrey when she was interrupted by a telephone call

from the Prime Minister. Although such interventions are extremely rare and usually a source of pride to a Cabinet minister, the Education Secretary knew this was one conversation she could do

without. She was aware of the furore caused by her radio interview when she strongly hinted that the Government was planning to bring back corporal punishment. When Downing Street

officials heard how the interview on the BBC's Today programme was being interpreted on the 9 o'clock bulletins, they knew something had be done. During the regular meeting between officials and the Prime Minister between 9am and 9.30, it was agreed that John Major would speak to Mrs Shephard directly.

During her train journey to

Elmbridge, where she was to open a sixth-form college, her officials were contacted by mobile phone and told to expect a call from Mr Major on her arrival. The call came late and she had to interrupt her speech for 15 minutes. Downing Street sources

said that Mr Major merely wanted to point out that both he and she had to face questions in the Commons that afternoon and it was important they agreed what line to take. But it was made clear in Westminster that Mr Major gave Mrs Shephard a dress-

However, she returned to her audience looking relaxed, according to Hugh Ashton. the Mayor of Elmbridge. "She didn't look under pressure at all," he said. "Her demeanour was quite normal. I pulled her leg and asked what we were all dying to know: are you still Secretary of State for Education?

Everyone, including Mrs Shephard, laughed and she said: "Yes, and the PM is still the PM." She then continued her visit for 45 minutes before returning to the Education

Few still cling to descredited stick

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MORE than a dozen schools in England still use corporal punishment, but few are established names and the list of dichards is dwindling.

Rodney School in Newark gave up beating after publicity over the caning of five 11-year-old girls was followed by a 50 per cent drop in the number of pupils in the early 1990s. Hulme Grammar School in Oldham has also stopped since the appointnt of a new headma

cases but it has some pupils whose parents will not give Christian fundamentalist chools account for most of punishment. The Christian Fellowship School in Toxteth,

St James Boys' School in

Twickenham, West London,

tion for 15 years, and the Bradford Christian School recently started using it. State schools were barred from caning in 1987, most having given up the practice long before. The leading in-

Liverpool, has used the same-

dependent schools also all proclaim their abstinence. Arthur Hearnden, general secretary of the Independent Schools Joint Council, said: "We have never ruled out corporal punishment, although it cannot be used on pupils supported by state funds, but there is a general

consensus against it." Nichelas Debenham, St James's beadmaster, said that the Prime Minister was sensible to rule out a general return to corporal punishnot present in many schools. You may need a sanction which boys slightly fear, but unless there is love and trust and respect from

Mr Debenham said that he had used the cane six times in the last school year, for offences such as bullying or persistent disobedience and lying. Corporal punishment is not used in the school's junior department or in the

the beginning it will not

Changing the law would put Britain on trial

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

RESTORING corporal punishment to state schools would fall foul both of a series of European Court of Human Rights rulings and of international conventions signed by the Government. It would also demonstrate contempt for the United Nations recommendations that corporal punishment be prohibited not only in the state sector, as now, but also in the private sector.

Peter Newell, co-ordinator of EPOCH, a group that campaigns against corporal punishment, said yesterday: It is hard to believe that an advention are inside a said to be a sai education minister could be giving support to the institutionalised caning of children in 1996. It is a relief that the Prime Minister has confirmed that in view of our international obligations reintroduction of corporal punishment is not practicable."

The trend is running in favour of wider bans on corporal punishment. A case pending before the European Commission on Human Rights, brought by a boy who was beaten by his stepfather with a garden cane, challenges the right of parents to administer corporal punishment at home and rests on the same law applied by the European Court to schools.

Corporal punishment was outlawed in state schools almost ten years ago after a campaign by parents, teachers and others led to series of rulings against the Government by the European Court of Human Rights in Stras-bourg. The legislation covers state-funded education in independent schools, including children subsidised under the Assisted Places Scheme.

Since then there have been attempts to outlaw corporal punishment in independent schools. In 1993 the European Court of Human Rights rejected, by a majority verdict, an attempt by a parent to extend its earlier ruling to independent schools. But in a unani mous statement, the judges said that the ruling should not he taken as in any way representing approval of the use of corporal punishment.

Officials may have thought that they could circumivent the law by means of contracts with perents which could include permission for corpo-ral punishment. But Mr New-ell said: "If it becomes a condition of entry to accept corporal punishment then that certainly breaches the European Convention."

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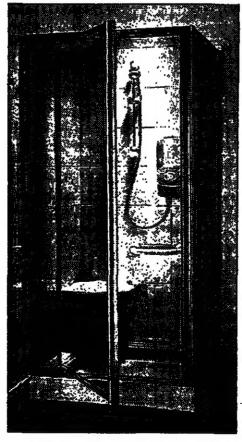
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Fighting in Zaire poses threat of wider conflict

ROM SAM KILEY IN GATUMBA ON THE BURUNDI-ZAIRE BORDER

WEAK and weeping from lack of food and water for three days, two girls aged about nine still found enough reserves of energy to fight over a cob of corn. They scratched at each other's faces and tore at their pigtails as they fought amid Tutsi soldiers milling

Their battle to satisfy their hunger ended when a passing peasant woman gave them another corn cob. They were then beaten back to their families by a Tutsi soldier clutching a stick in one hand and a rifle in the other,

The girls are among 1,700 Hutus from Burundi living as refugees in Zaire, a few miles. on the other side of the Ruzizi River separating the two countries. They had fled Burundi's war between Hutu and Tutsi extremists last year only to be engulfed now in the violence raging in Zaire between Tutsl rebels and the Zairean Army in the east. The Hutu refugees are caught up in a war they want no part of, and judging by the hatred shown them by Tutsi soldiers, they may soon



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Among them was Silvestre Bikorimana, 36, who had led his extended family of 22 members from Kyunga, close to Livira where Zaire's slaughter of Tutsis and their subsequent rebellion began. He said he had been well-treated by the Tutsi warriors who ordered refugees from Rwanda and Burundi to return home. "I saw many dead bodies in the streets of the town, mostly shot, and all civilians. I don't know what tribe they were from I didn't stop to look." Unlike fellow

Bikorimana and his family

genocide of a million Tutsis there in 1994.

The latest ethnic warfare is threatening Africa's worst-yet humanitarian crisis. Sadako Ogata, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said in Geneva that the refugee situation could be "worse than 1994" when 1.2 million Rwandan Hutus fled genocide of Tutsis.

Zaire's ailing President Mobutu, undergoing treat-ment for cancer in a clinic in Switzerland, yesterday ordof North and South Kivu be placed under military rule in an attempt to contain the warfare threatening to draw in Burundi and Rwanda, and which some fear could lead to the breakup of the country.

Yesterday soldiers in the Zaire Army fired at journalists filming Rwandan Hutu refugees fleeing the fighting in the Kivu provinces. Their fire was returned by Rwanda's mainly Tutsi army, and shooting con-Hutus from Rwanda, Mr tinued sporadically throughout the day. Zaire's Tutsi

did not participate in the rebels and Zairean troops exchanged heavy gunfire for two hours yesterday near Bukavu airport in eastern Zaire as the rebels infiltrated the provincial capital, witnesses

> ing road linking Burundi and Rwanda a lorry driver lay dead. Bullet holes in the windscreen explained how he had died, but not who had shot him. A few hundred yards away two Burundian soldiers lounged by the road. .They may have ambushed the driver and killed him for being a Hutu. Hutu rebels may have sprayed him with bullets for being a Tutsi. In this part of the world it is better not to stop and find out. ☐ Geneva: The UN appealed

yesterday for Western satellite pictures to trace hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the ethnic conflict. The agency had no access to up to 400,000 Rwandan Hutus cut off north of Goma and 300,000 on the run in Uvira and Bukavu. further south. (Reuter)

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A Zairean refugee who lost his mother as they entered Rwanda at the Matura crossing point. They were trying to escape from the fighting in eastern Zaire

Coalition talks falter in Japan

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT
IN TORYO

WITH less than a week to go before the opening of parlia-ment and the election of the new Prime Minister, Japan appeared to be heading for a minority government last

The dominant Liberal Democratic Party was still bargaining with potential coalition partners, but with little to show for its efforts. The Liberal Democrats are trying to persuade the Social Democratic Party and the Sakigake Party to keep the present three-party alliance. Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, is certain to win re-election at the November 7 session, but is anxious to avoid forming an unstable minority government.

In the recent general elec-tion. Mr Hashimoto's Liberal Democrats strengthened their position as the biggest party, but fell 12 seats short of gaining a majority in the Lower House. Unless he can build a majority. Mr Hashimoto will face the constant danger of losing a confidence motion, which could bring

Foreigners told not to interfere in Chinese trial

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PERING AND JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA said last night that foreign countries should not interfere in the trial of Wang Dan, one of the country's best known dissidents and the former student leader during the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy demonstrations in

Mr Wang, 27, is due to go on trial today for allegedly trying to overthrow the Govemment, in the same court in vhich China's leading dissident, Wei Jingsheng, was sentenced to 14 years in prison "In principle this is the internal affair of China and

Shen Guo spokesman, He added that ers must resion from the Justice Department. The American Em-

but has had Wang: severe penalty Mr Wang was charged on October 7 with counter-revo-

hotion for articles he wrote criticising the Government, and for organising a self-help group for dissidents freed The trial, on charges of attempting to subvert the

Chinese Government', is on conflated or distorted documents or activities normal political behaviour. In the words of the New Yorkbased Human Rights an spiritual leader. (AFP)

ing. Chinese leaders are growdissent". China's urban dissident movement "has in effect . comprehensively

The consequences are particularly significant for Hong Kong, which has been warned by some of Peking's protests or statements that "interfere" in Chinese politics

> national leadnese rule next year. Wang served almost four vears in lail after the Tiauanmen

ter-revolutiongands and incitement". His

indictment says that because of his past detention, he should be "sentenced with extra severity".
The criminal law stipulates:

mentioned above ... may be sentenced to death. Paris: The Dalai Lama was kept at arm's length on a

to China by President Chirac. China's Foreign Ministry had warned France against any official contact with the Tibet-

Pyongyang 'war plan

after his submarine ran aground off the South Korean gaged in a reconnaissance Pyongyang has claimed.

Armed Forces. Lieutenant Lee, 31, said the submarine crew was not told the purpose of the mission but he believed it was

iailed 51 students and handed suspended sentences to 59 for their part in pro-North Kore-

A NORTH Korean captured

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British discover they are polls apart from US campaigners

Boston: Senior British politicians have been making unannounced visits to the United States recently to pick up tips. Brian Mawhinney has been in Washington. while Peter Mandelson was at the last presidential debate in San Diego, where he was introduced to President Clinton (Machiavelli meets The Prince?). My own, more down-to-earth impression from watching congressional races in the northeast - and the dying embers of the presidential contest - is that there is as much for British

RIDDELLON POLITICS

First, even nice guys turn nasty when a race gets close. In Massachusetts, the two main Senate candidates have impressive records of public service — the incumbent Democrat John Kerry over two terms and William Weld. the Republican challenger. during six years so far as Governor. Mr Weld combines tax-cutting with support for choice in abortion and gay and minority rights — "against government in your

pockets and in your bedroom". Mr Kerry, a Vietnam hero turned opponent of the war, has done much to defuse the emotive issue of American servicemen missing there. The two even agreed a cap on

their campaign budgets.

However, with opinion polls showing them level-pegging the affable Mr Weld launched a blitz of adverts about Mr Kerry staying rent-free in a flat lent by a lobbyist. He even accused Mr Kerry of "ungentlemanly" behaviour in breaking their deal on spending limits. This is trivial froth, but it is easy to see

British politicians also becoming aggressive if the polls

Second, voters disapprove in principle of negative campaigning, but it works. Boston pundits have protested about the fairness of Mr Weld's attack on Mr Kerry's ethics. but the polls suggest that these adverts have halted Mr Kerry's momentum. Similarly, the Conservatives' "demon eyes" campaign against Tony Blair was widely criticised, but it helped to undermine his personal rating.

Third, debates between candidates are fine in theory as a means of enlightening voters. but are often less illuminating in practice. In the two presidential debates and a couple of others I have seen here, the candidates played safe, talking across each other and regurgitating rehearsed lines. Everyone repeats current fashions about being tough on crime and favouring welfare reform. Monday night's debate between Mr Kerry and Mr Weld was the eighth they have held since April.

It was lively but it exaggerated their real differences, presenting them almost as matters of personal pique Britain, the Tory and Labour leaders are used to confront ing each other in the Commons, but such a confrontational style might alienate voters in an election debate. My hunch is that nothing will happen.

Fourth, the more the parties concentrate on television advertisements and soundbites on the evening news, the less anything else matters. The tight, and expensive, New Jersey race — costing \$6 million (£3.7 million) to \$8 million for each candidate — is turning entirely on rival advertisements. Hardly anyone appears when the candidates tour the state. Open meetings and hecklers are now history. That is why John Major's "soap box" outings in 1992 were so unusual, and they succeeded in emphasising his fighting qualities. Will they work again?

Fifth, candidates should be wary of big-name celebrities. They can make politicians look small. Mr Kerry was totally overshadowed by Jesse Jackson at a rally in a black church. Mr Weld has used his position as Governor to launch a car number plate

featuring Ted Williams, one of the all-time greats of baseball. In Boston, however, the 51-year-old Governor looked like an embarrassed schoolboy when the 78-year-old Williams recalled meeting a former Governor and Mayor, the rascally James Michael Curley, who once won an election while in prison and was the model for the novel

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The Last Hurrah.
Fortunately, politicians cannot always predetermine what happens.

Simon Jenkins, page 18 PETER RIDDELL

Democrats forced to capitulate over party benefactors

a threatened Republican lawsuit and reversed an unprecedented refusal to publish a list of its financial contributors before election day next

The Democratic National Committee's climbdown came after Haley Barbour, the Republican chairman, called the refusal a blatant violation of electoral law by a party guilty announced plans to seek a temporary restraining order preventing the DNC from spending any more money in the campaign's final week.

Chris Dodd, the Democratic Party chairman, denied that his party had anything to hide or that the DNC had a legal obligation to file a report with the Federal Election Commission listing all contributions and expenditure between October I and 16.

However, his party's obvious reluctance to disclose its contributors during those two weeks coincided with fresh evidence that the Democrats may have solicited huge illegal foreign donations in return for

political favours. The Clinton Administration admitted that the Justice Department was investigating charges that America's de-

an Arkansan appointed by President Clinton — had put pressure on Taiwanese officials and businessmen to give money in return for American support for their country. The DNC has already been criticised for accepting six-figure gifts from Indonesian and South Korean businessmen.

It seemed unlikely that the late-breaking scandal would hinder Mr Clinton's seemingly effortless cruise towards reelection. A Los Angeles Times poll yesterday showed that only one in live respondents believed the Democrats had engaged in serious wrongdoing, while 54 per cent considered the party's acceptance of such contributions "politics as usual. However, evidence that Democrats skirted the law is becoming daily more compelling, and almost invariably centres on John Huang, a former Commerce Department official who subsequently became one of the

DNC's top fundraisers. Two weeks ago the DNC was forced to suspend Mr Huang after several six-figure contributions he had obtained from Indonesian and South Korean businessmen turned out to be illegal or highly questionable. American law bars foreign contributions unless the donors are legal facto ambassador to Taiwan residents. Mr Huang immed-

vanished. Judicial Watch, a conservative group investigating whether the Commerce Department had used overseas trade missions to solicit donations to the Democrats, obtained a subpoena requiring his testimony. Mr Huang's lawyer said his client would not surface until after the elections, but late last week an exasperated federal judge instructed the reluctant DNC to order Mr Huang to

report for work on Monday so the subpoena could be served. The same judge rejected a petition by Mr Huang's lawyer that the questioning should be limited in scope and kept secret. Mr Huang was testifying yesterday and Judi-cial Watch planned to release a videotape of his evidence last

Mr Huang was also involved in the alleged Taiwanese donations. The Justice Department's criminal division is investigating charges that James Wood, America's unofficial ambassador to Taiwan, aggressively sought contributions from Taiwanese officials and businessmen as a reward for the Clinton Administration's support for Taiwan, and steered them towards Mr Huang, who visited Taiwan last May. The United States does not have formal diplomatic relations with Taiwan.



President Clinton holds on to his wedding ring, which came loose after he reached into a crowd during a campaign meeting in Chicago

School head beat the clock to cheat in exams

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

THE head of a night school has been accused of an audacious cheating scam (Quentin Letts writes).

Prosecutors said that George Kobayashi hired stooges to sit tests on the east coast of the United States. On leaving the examination hall, they are said to have telephoned the questions to Mr Kobayashi who was on the west coast. He then passed the information to pupils who, thanks to the three-hour and California, had yet to start the same papers. The answers to the tests were inscribed on pencils by a team of assistants, using a code. Mr Kobayashi distributed the pencils to his pupils who gathered at a central location before dispersing to carefully scattered examination centres so as to avoid arousing suspicion by their high

Mr Kobayashi, 45, was arrested on suspicion of traud and faces up to ten years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 (£155,000). His alleged ruse was uncovered only when an FBI agent signed up at one of his schools to secure himself a place on a postgraduate course which he hoped would win

him promotion. Mr Kobayashi, whose schools promised students a "unique method" of examination preparation, charged \$6,000 for fiddled graduate school admissions tests, prosecutors said. Pupils were told that a pass was methods, they were soon put right when they were advised by Mr Kobayashi to take a flight to California and

sit the exam there. it is thought that several hundred people used Mr Kobayashi's alleged extra service. Mary Jo White. US attorney in Manhattan, said: "The victims are not only the universities but the honest students who perhaps did not get into the school of their tranteed, but if they suspected that. . choice because they were displaced by was merely an expression of a someone who cheated."

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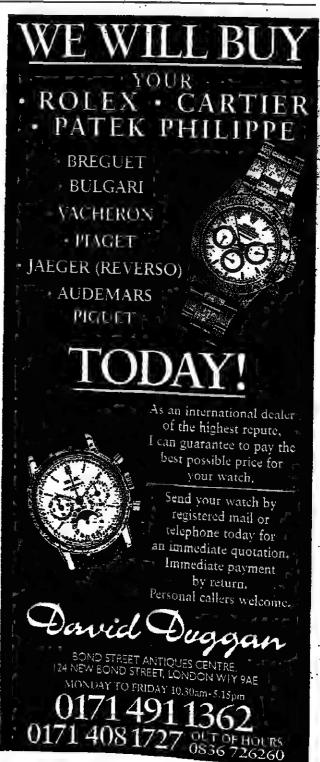
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Taleban set for a 'final offensive' to

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FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

seize north

THE Taleban rulers of Kabul claimed last night that they were ready for a final offensive into northern Afghanistan to capture the remaining onethird of the country. The backbone of the enemy is broken," it declared.

This seems a hollow boast since the huge army of General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern warlord, is hardly scathed, let alone broken.

Muliah Muhammad Mutaqi, the information and Culture Minister, said troops were dug in and awaiting the order from Mullah Muhammad Omar, the Taleban chief. to begin the advance. Afghanistan would soon be a united country. A jihad was under way to clear the last enemies of Taleban, he said.

The Koran says a jihad cannot be declared against but Mullah Mu-6 The mullahs taqi side stepped claring that if General Dostum was a Muslim he was not a

in Kabul have made Afghanistan . good one, and a laughing therefore a ilhad stock ? against him was legal. "I am not saying whether

he is a Muslim or an infidel," he added. He was embarrassed to be reminded that two weeks ago he had declared General Dostum a "good Muslim" and a man Taleban could deal with. But events and loyalties are moving rapidly in Afghanistan.

The United States is equally embarrassed by its early enthusiasm for Taleban, whose ruthless methods and suppression of women have made it an international pariah. A ment said it saw "no problem" with the Islamic army, which it hoped would bring unity a declaration that gave the impression that the US was actively supporting the fighters. Taleban is sensitive to this accusation, so much so it has told the US not to send any emissaries for the time being because that could give the

wrong impression. Washington had planned to send a representative to ex-plore the possibility of recognising Taleban as a legitimate government — a possibility that is now firmly dismissed. There are even hints of dismay

towards Taleban in Pakistan, where there is a growing sense that the mullahs have made Afghanistan a laughing stock by their extremism and capricious rule-making.

Central Asia is worried that Taleban will export its revolution across the border despite Mullah Mutaqi's assertion yesterday that Taleban will not offer aassistance to Islamic extremists in Tajikistan. Central Asia and Russia are almost certainly helping General Dostum to re-arm and reequip, since he alone is capable of halting the Islamic

army's advance northwards. Aerial bombing by Taleban north of Kabul appears to be designed to smash the only road out of the Panjshir Valley, headquarters of the former government forces led by General Ahmed Shah Ma-

sood. He retreated from the capital last month but his tanks and artillery are trapped inside valley because of the destruction of the road through

claimed that 150 enemy troops had died in fighting close to Kabul and that more than 400 had been injured; only two of its force had died. It claimed to be in control of Badghis province in the west, a Dostum province. General Dostum reects both this claim and the

that some of General Dostum's commanders had defected to Taleban. This is entirely possible since militia iders routinely swi sides for money, proving the adage that an Afghan can be

"When Taleban forces entered any part of the country the majority of the people took their side because they were sick of corrupt rule," Mullah Mutaqi said. This is a valid statement, except in Kabul, which continues to hate Tale-

Peace talks: Iran yesterday opened a regional conference in Tehran to seek a solution to the Afghan crisis but Pakistan, a key player in neighbouring Afghanistan, stayed away



Taleban fighters examine an unexploded bomb at their base 15 miles north of Kabul. It was dropped by the Dostum-Masood alliance

Plasters and painkillers used to ease agony of child victims

From Michael Dynes in charikar

ABDUL ZAHER, a ten-year-old urchin from Ulang district near the Salang highway, was playing in the mud near his home when he picked up a Taleban butterfly mine which blew off his hand and tore a hole in

His distraught father had no option but to take him to the dilapidated hospital in Charikar, a small town a few miles south of the are of fighting, unremarkable in its rows of mud hut terraces, open

sewers and throbbing bazaars. The hospital's overworked staff were able to saw off his hand at the wrist, sew up the stump, remove most of the fragments from his abdomen and give him a little pain killer to ease his agony. In a day or two, he will have to be discharged to make way for the other casualties who are queuing to take his place.

For those who do not have enough money for treatment in Mazar-i-Sharif the fly-infested wards of Charikar hospital are all that is available. Dark, damp and riddled with cockroaches and other vermin, it is a wonder how a healthy person could survive even a few days. Sheets of polythene, fixed to rickety wooden frames, serve as make-do windows. Naked light bulbs and bare wires hang from the crumbling ceilings. A pile of blood-stained stretchers lies in a corner. Flies and dust are everywhere and the stench from the lavatories is so overwheiming it is difficult not to vomit if you find yourself downwind of them Dr Muhammad Waqub Rasuly,

who runs the hospital when he is not doubling as General Ahmed Shah Masood's physician, is embarrassed by his hospital's filthy state. Howevletter from General Masood's office asking him to co-operate with us, he eventually allowed us in to examine the facilities

Each of the tiny rooms is packed with patients lying on small rickety beds furnished with two-inch-thick



Abdul Zaher's father shares his injured son's suffering

mattresses. All are suffering from terrible head, chest, limb and abdominal wounds: victims of the fighting between Taleban troops and the former government forces trying to retake Kabul, the Afghan capital.

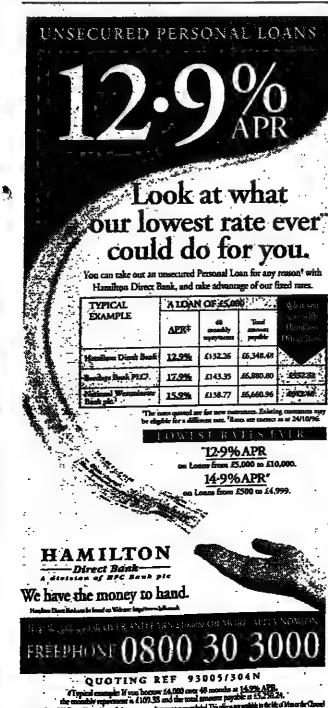
The doctor recites what has become the mantra of hospital administrators all over Afghanistan: "We do not have enough medicines and drugs to treat the people who come to us. Often I have to search in the bazaar to see what I can find. Serious cases can stay with us for ten days. Less serious ones, those with broken or amputated limbs, have to leave

In another ward lies Obid Ullah, eight, from the Farza district near Kabul. He lost his leg when he was hit by shrapnel from a Taleban shell during recent fighting. The leg's tattered remnants were removed on the operating table less than an hour

ago, and he is dying.
When General Masood pushed Taleban back from the Panjshir Vailey to the hills around Kabul, the hospital was inundated with casualties. Dr Rasuly said that as well as the civilians they had to cope with 230 injured Talebs. "We could not deal with them, so we had to send them back to Kabul."

Now that General Masood has renewed his offensive against Taleban in the hills, the hospital is bracing itself for a new flood of asualties. Most will be civilians. Charikar Hospital will be on hand to administer a Band Aid to a bleeding





West Bank tensions rise as crowd riots at Arab boy's funeral

ISRAELI troops used live ammunition to break up Palestin-vance of the Israeli withdrawmunition to break up Palestinian rioting which broke out in the occupied West Bank yesterday after the funeral of a ten-year-old Arab boy allegedly beaten to death by a Jewish

The boy's death - the circumstances of which are under dispute - became the focal point of tension whipped up by the failure of Americansponsored negotiations to finalise terms under which Israeli troops can hand over most of Hebron, the last occupied West Bank city. to

Palestinian control. Yesterday Israeli and Palestinian negotiators convened in a Tel Aviv hotel in an effort to keep the talks alive although Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, was in Norway, Dennis Ross, the American envoy who has been mediating the discussions for the past three weeks, returned to Washington yesterday.

city have accused each other of

al from 85 per cent of the urban area, which American officials still predict will take place before Christmas. Yesterday settlers in Hebron hurled insults and spat at Palestinian Authority leaders

visiting the city. During the funeral about 5,000 mourners vowed to avenge Himi Shosha as his body was laid to rest in his village shortly before the area was placed under Israeli curfew. The scenes of renewed violence underscored the volatile situation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where armed clashes last month left 75 dead.

Mourners, angered by the Government's support for the settlers, carried banners saying: "Get the Nazis out of our land" and "the criminal settler must be hanged". The suspect was remanded in custody until Friday. Tensions were unlikely to be eased by the news that the Israeli Government had approved the con-

three Jewish settlements on the West Bank in an area 25 miles northwest of Jerusalem. With leaders of the 450 Jews

living in the centre of Hebron and those of the 120,000 Palestinians that surround them both giving warnings of a bloodbath, the newspaper Maariv said: Worrying signs are increasing that the extreme Right might take extreme measures, even against the Netanyahu Government, and when the Hebron deployment is decided upon." Although Israeli paratroop-

ers guard every inch of Hetween the Tomb of the Patriarchs and the main Jewish settlement of Beit Hadassah, it is impossible to ignore the loathing in the eyes of passing Arabs who glare from beside such wall slogans as "Death to The Jews".

The stubbornness and exmatched by that of its fervently Islamic Arab residents.



The aftermath of the Gulf War as seen from the Atlantis space shuttle. Plumes of black smoke rise into space from Kuwaiti oil fields set on fire by retreating Iraqi troops



Burning oil fields in Kuwait threatened ecological disaster

Spacemen's view of scorched earth policy

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THREE giant palls of smoke reach up from Kuwait into space. This photograph. The Afternath of the Gulf War, was taken in April 1991 from the Atlantis shuttle, on the shuttle's first flight after the said of the way the months. end of the war two months

Astronauts Jerry Ross and Ken Cameron woke up early in order to take the picture of

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become fashionable in many

in 'Nazi' fashion

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

Israelis appalled

by tasteless line

MANY of Israel's Holocaust survivors were outraged yes-terday by reports that a new fashion has hit the country and is being snapped up by fashion-conscious young Isractis: boots, purses and shoes made out of shiny black leather that bears the brand

The tasteless new fad among a younger generation already shocking older Israelis by its reluctance to serve in the army was disclosed on the front page of the biggest selling Tel Aviv newspaper Yediot Aharonot.

The newspaper quoted salesmen and salesmen exmodels have just come out and they will be the hit of the

found that in one shop belonging to the popular Grosso Modo fashion chain, the name "Nazi" was clearly printed on

places, not only in our stores. Phone the manufacturer of the shoes and ask them what is going on."

A Yediot investigation

found that the new material was also the rage in young trendy Israeli customers wer asking for the leather by its "Nazi" brand-name in shops and that there were Israeli sales staff actively trying to promote the fashion despite its, terrible, historical connota-

In one shop visited by Ma. Shahor, she reported that **a. salesgirl tried to persuade me to purchase one of the new World War were made out of

this material." Many Israelis have been by the newspap report. "I just carmot belie what I am reading and hear ing "said a Jewish business." Woman who emigrated from think that this is happening here is incredible and a deep who died at the hands of the



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FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

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You appear to have accept-ed an original screenplay and

to be tacking on to it an internationally known title," Mr Forsyth wrote in a letter to

Greg Meidel, a senior Univer-

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Mr Forsyth's skirmish in

the creative world's age-old

ENERGY SHES

Cairo ruins

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Cairo: Samantha Miksche, 17.

Nato tries

to reassure

Russia on

missiles

BY MICHAEL EVANS

NATO has no spare nuclear

missiles to deploy to the terri-

tory of any new members of

the alliance from Eastern

Europe, Javier Solana, the

Nato Secretary-General, ad-

His statement during an

interview in Brussels with

Interfax, the Russian news

was not planning to base

its doors to new members by

The issue of deploying Nato

conventional and nuclear

ever, Señor Solana said: "Nato

has no spare nuclear missiles.

We do not plan to deploy them

tries which may receive invita-

At present, nuclear bombs

are based in most European members of the alliance. The

United States has modified

versions of the B61 air-

launched nuclear bomb in

bases throughout Europe, al-

though Norway and Den-

mark are nuclear-free

countries within the alliance.

contrary, defence sources con-

firmed yesterday that there

were still a few US nuclear

bombs stored in Britain. In the

past the Americans have

stored about 500 nuclear

bombs in European countries.

including Britain, Germany, The Netherlands, Italy and

Spain. According to Nato

sources, there are now about

200 American nuclear free-fall bombs in Europe, with each country allocated a few to

demonstrate the principle of

sharing responsibility.

Moscow has called for guar-

sign a deal on future relations

between Russia and the West-

ern alliance, possibly in the

Despite recent reports to the

tions to join Nato."

mitted yesterday.

daughter, five, were hurt

when a bomb exploded under

their car, police said.

British soldiers

Somali attack

Mogadishu: Unidentified gunmen killed 13 people and wounded 16 in an attack on a south Mogadishu restaurant in an area loyal to Somali faction leader Hussein Aidid. (Reuter)

Asia trade fears

Sydney: Tension between Australia and its Asian neighbours is growing in a row over immigration. John Howard, the Prime Minister, accused Asian newspapers of misrepresenting his views. (Reuter)

Stargazer dies Paris: Madame Soleil, the most famous astrologer in France, whose predictions were broadcast for more than 20 years and who reputedly advised François Mitterrand.

has died here, aged 83. (AFP)

Economists claim Germany will fail to hit EMU target

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30 1996

GERMANY will fail to make the grade for European moneaccording to a forecast yester day by the country's six leading economic institutes.

The assessment sent politicians and central bankers into a spiral of panic that either the entry criteria would have to bediluted or the start-up date :

The prognosis was not all .. bad; the institutes believe that the German economy will grow by 1.5 per cent in 1996 and 25 per cent next year, and that inflation will stay low, at around 1.5 per cent.

But the public deficit will reach 3.5 per cent of gross domestic product - signifi-cantly higher than the 3 per cent benchmark set by the Maastricht treaty for single

And public debt will exceed the 60 per cent of GDP prescribed by Maastricht. That would, in effect, derail the whole European monetary alone were the decisive element - since it cannot func-

tion without Germany.
The Finance Ministry, working on substantially the same economic data, has calculated that the public deficit could be kept at around 2.5 per cent - that is within the Maastricht criteria. But the

in Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Kiel, Halle and Essen, cannot work out how the ministry has come up with such an optimis-

tic reading. "In 1997 — even taking into account the already announced financial measures an additional DM15 billion (£6 billion) would have to be saved in order to meet the reference values set by the Maastricht treaty," says the

report.
Since the Bonn coalition has come close to breaking point over the past week on even the existing rather modest spending cuts, it seems unlikely that the Kohl government will manage to scratch together the additional funds.

A measure of the German mood was the alacrity with which six Christian Democrat deputies, accompanying Chancellor Kohl on a tour of the Far East, have broken off. their trip to return to Bonn.

An emergency debate on the Kohl and I are good friends budget and its shortfalls will and two of the longest-serving heads of government in Europe." It has been some be held today, in the absence of the Chancellor. The coalition of Christian Democrats time since Chancellor Kohl and Free Democrats is at loggerheads, especially over tax reform. The Christian er this century — has referred to Mr Major in such glowing Democrats want to raise some taxes, increase revenue and reduce the need for further make no secret that they are borrowing; the Free Demowaiting for a Labour governcrats believe they can survive ment or, with even more independent economists, rep- at the ballot box only if they resenting forecasting centres are clearly identified as the enthusiasm, a Liberal-Labour pact.

THE writer Frederick Forsyth

has launched a scathing at-

tack on Universial Pictures

over its plans for a new screen

version of one of his books, The Day of the Jackal, that he

says contains "not one single

Mr Forsyth's book, and the

classic 1973 film based on it

starting Edward Fox, was

The new film is about a

ment of the original".



Police evict one of the more than 100 illegal immigrants who occupied a Paris police office yesterday demanding residence permits and a half to expulsions. Police said several protesters, including women with young children.

rights adds weight to an

earlier attack on Universal by

Frederick Zinnemann, 89, the

director of the original film,

who has accused the studio of

hijacking the title, "Beware

the anger of a patient man", he told the Los Angeles Times at the weekend, likening Uni-

versal to a lunatic smashing

art in a museum. "I am a

patient man but I'm in a state

Immigrants in Paris sit-in

checks at police headquarters. This summer some 300 Africans occupied a Paris

laws had turned them into Megal immigrants. The Government granted residence permits to many of on humanitarian grounds but others are still waging court battles to avoid expulsion. (Reuter)

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

Gold Commission set up by the Western Allies at the end of the Second World War, said: sion will proceed with prepa-

the claimant Governments."

Albania wins back £13m of looted gold

MORE than 50 years after the Nazis looted its treasury, Albania yesterday took possession of more than 11,000 lb of gold, worth nearly £13 million, that has been stored in the vaults of the Bank of England. The ingots are expected to be shipped back to Tirana before the end of the year.

antees that Nato nuclear This is the last major single forces will never be deployed share of the commission's gold in Eastern Europe. Yesterday, pool to be settled. The commisas part of his attempt to reassure Moscow of Nato's rations for the final distribudesire to develop new security tion of the remaining gold to relations with Russia, Senor Solana said that he hoped to

Ten Governments will re ceive gold from Britain and America, where it has been

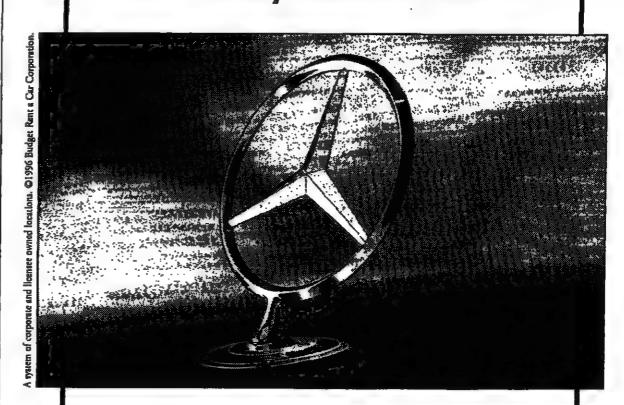
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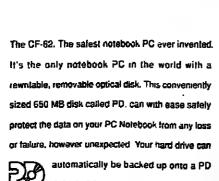
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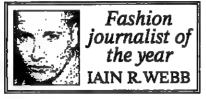


When the Boss of bosses holds court

The world of fashion is not unfamiliar with sponsorship deals. Our designers rely on such diverse benefactors as Tanqueray Gin, Marks & Spencer, Absolut Vodka, Bhs, Motorola and Debenhams to stage their catwalk presentations. British Fashion Week has grown in stature season upon season thanks to the continued support of Vidal Sassoon and only last week Lloyds Bank presented the British Fashion Awards at the Royal Albert Hall in London for the sixth year running. Tomorrow night Hugo Boss, the giant

German menswear fashion company. will lend its support not to British fashion but to British theatre. In a joint initiative with The New Yorker magazine they are sponsoring a glam-packed gala benefit in aid of The Royal Court Theatre, an event that officially will mark the start of the theatre's renovation.

"We hope this event will help to keep the Royal Court's spirit of creativity alive." says Peter Littmann, chairman and CEO of Hugo Boss AG. "The achievements of the theatre company, particularly its



reputation for fostering new talent, ties in perfectly with the philosophies behind projects." The company has a long-term partnership with the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

The benefit will feature original cast

members in scenes from some of the Royal Court's major productions. A fashionable spin to Hugo Boss's funding plan means that the Royal Court's artistic director, Stephen Daldry, will be dressed exclusively by the German clothing company for a year.

The Royal Court company is operating between The Ambassadors and the Duke of York's Theatre in London's West End. Their first production at the Duke of York's is Mojo, a play by Jez Butterworth set in the twilight world of 1950s Soho.

Backstage the all-male cast of Mojo eagerly size up a rail laden with Hugo Boss suits. Dressed in combinations of black, silver grey and creamy white, the actors begin to resemble their shady stage characters: the pointy-collared shirts and sharp-as-a-razor suits that act as an alternative to conventional eveningwear certainly have a gangster feel.

"I'm not exactly Darren Tighe, yet he is happy to wear a shiny silver-grey three-piece suit and matching shirt.

Not that these actors haven't had a brush with fashion. On stage both Neil Stuke and Callum Dixon wear made-tomeasure suits by celebrity Soho tailor Mark Powell, who counts Kate Moss and Mick Jagger among his clientele.

"Pleat peg trousers and shorter jackets
- very Italian," says Stuke as he reclines
in the front row of the stalls wearing an ivory white suit, black shirt and off-white tie, moodily chewing a matchstick. "Method modelling." says a voice in the wings.

STUKE

Above: Stage credits include View, from a Bridge alongaide televisio appearances on Between the Lines weers white suit. £520, black shirt, £39, cream silk tid £39, Hugo.

DARREN TIGHE

Above left: Nover off the email and A Touch of Frost, wears metallic three-piece suit, £460, metallic shirt.

PAUL reynolds

Above right: . Has appeared in everything from Absolutely Fabulous to Punk's Not Dead at the Edinburgh Festival, wears black shiny jacket, £325, white cotton shirt, £75, Boas.

CALLUM DIXON

Above far right: Off-stage credits include the film Weterlands,wears a black creased racket, £325, matching trousers,

£130, pleated wing-collared shirt, £95, blue bow-tie (part of set with cummerband) £79, Boss.

SIMON KUNZ

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Nigella Lawson on the working mother's dilemma: plus, the first woman to join the Tory Whips Office



The closest bond of all — but does this baby really need its mother available all day?

Childcare: the taboo and the hypocrisy

ago, when writing about new research on abortion, I castigated those people with an agenda who refused to consider evidence if it pointed to truths they found unpalatable. Now, I find myself constrained as never before. For I run the risk of offending my

Perhaps it would be to overstate the case to describe the pamphlet by the Institute of Economic Affairs on the damaging effects on children of being put into daycare by working mothers as 'evidence', but just because its findings are opinion, and very much ideologically driven, doesn't mean we should dismiss them.

The reason I now run the risk of offending my friends is because all of my contemporaries go out to work. Consequently, my generation has a rested interest in proving that this does not harm children. Unfortunately, just because we wish something to be, doesn't make it so.

I am not saying that going out to work does damage children, but it must affect them. And I do feel a rather Blair-like equivocation on this one. I don't think I could go out all day, and I certainly wouldn't want to, but I feel passionately that it's not for me to dictate how other women lead their lives. Besides, as I am constantly reminded, and accept without question. I am very lucky: I get the best of both worlds. I can earn money without having to

couple of weeks or so and yet I feel I exist in the outside world, too.

I concede that most women don't have these options, but the subject must still be faced. And there is so much not spewed on this one: everyone has something to prove. Those who stay at home (or, more often, exhort others to do so) are smug in their assumed superiority: those who go out to work are defensively resistant to the idea that their children might suffer as a

It is true that small children want to be with their mothers. Uncomfortable as it is to admit in the modern ideological climate, they are disconcertingly untroubled by the routine absence (as opposed to permanent non-presence) of their fathers. In fact, children now at least those of the professional middle classes - are in many ways better off than we and those before us were.

Fathers now are unques tionably more involved in childcare. This has to be a good thing, benefiting father. child and mother.

ut the stakes are high in this particular debate — indeed. there are none higher - and it is hardly surprising if everyone argues a little too hysterically. Lynette Burrows, writing in The Sunday Telegraph, exemplifies a certain sort of misguided passion by arguing that "the chief cause of juvenile delinquency is the working woman".

There are a few confused



Nigella Lawson

sary sacrifices for her children and family - is a familiar figure of abuse.

But we all know that it is not the children of such women who are the juvenile delinquents Lynette Burrows has in mind. These are more likely to be the children of the long-term unemployed, whose fathers, if they are around at all, are out of work, and whose mothers need to earn what they can to keep the family going. If they don't go out to work, then they need to be supported by the State and are then written-off as workshy scroungers. Either way around, a woman's place is in

But there are hard truths about going out to work and leaving children all day. Not

harder to be a mother. Quality time is phooey, an Eighties concept designed to make us all feel better. Not only do children not appreciate the odd ten minutes or two hours that parents can graciously give them, it is much harder for the parents, too. The truth is, parents who spend little time with their children feel they have to be a lot nicer to them. In other words, the problem is not so much that of neglect, than of indulgence.

you spend all day with a

child, it is easier to risk being hated. And one has to be hated some of the time: children may benefit by being treated firmly, but they hardly thank you for it. But if you see your child for only a few hours at breakfast and bedtime and at weekends, then you won't want to risk any conflict in that time: you will want to enjoy being with them and have them enjoy being with you. But instead of making for an easier, more harmonious time. it inevitably leads to more conflict: parents who are afraid that by checking their children they will be disliked for it, give in to them. This, in the long term, makes children more rather than less likely to

have tantrums. We accuse working mothers of visiting all forms of ill on their children, but it wasn't always so. Women with children, widowed and left penniless in the war, who worked all hours to bring up their children, were applauded as plucky, the backbone of their families and the country. So

family. Women who went out to work then could rely on their own mothers, aunts, sisters and so forth to help with the children. Few of us have that now.

And as I said last week, 13year-old Sarah Taylor, with her large family, has, in this one respect, an advantage over her contemporaries.

It is all very well to demonise childcare, but the nanny or, perhaps even more, the childminder, is probably the best stand-in for the extended family. Daycare centres are less easy to celebrate. Rather than promising affordable daycare centres, the Government should subsidise and encourage more registered childminders. That way, at least, children would be placed each day in a family

rofessional working mothers are so attacked that they are running for comfort, telling themselves and others that they long to stay at home. if only they had the choice. "The great taboo", this was called in a magazine recently: more like the great hypocrisy.

There are many women who work because they have no choice, but those who bang on about how unhappy they are doing so, do not - in my experience - belong to that category. These are the ones who want to work (and there is nothing wrong in that), but iust don't want to be criticised for it. It is not the working mother, but the self-deluding mother who runs the greatest

'Miss Whiplass' takes control

eep inside the Gothle corridors of the Palace of Westminster lies a dingy room filled with

Most Tory MPs dread a turnous to this room. Potential rebels scuttle past the door und defectors give it an even wider birth. This is the Conservative Whip's Office, the reputed repository of the little black book, detailing the sexual and financial misdemeanours of MPs, and the place where the Tory hierarchy wields its sticks and carrots in daily parsuit of an increasingly elusive government majority.

No woman has ever joined this inner sanctum. Even Margaret Thatcher never got to swing her handbag here. But now, more than threequarters of a century after Wineson Churchill said that a woman in the House of Commons was like a woman in his bathroom, the last parliamentary male bastion has fallen. This summer Jacqui Lait became the first woman to be asked by the Tory whips to join their band of brothers and last week she took up her

Better quality wine and less whingeing.

her new role, they were wrong. She may have been wearing a powder-pink suit, had her feet on the desk, her extra-large Kleenez in the top drawer and was complaining about the lack of a kettle. She volunteered for one of the toughest jobs, trawling the tea-room to talk to recalcitrant backbenchers and she roared with laughter when The Sun dubbed her Miss Whiplass. Her colleagues in the Whips Office say she is already one of the boys. Ambitious MPs on the outside, who all compete for this pivotal first step towards a ministerial career, claim that

she may have been one all along. They whisper that she has never had any children, let alone changed a nappy, her hair looks as though it was cut by the House barber, she has a deeper voice than Nicholas Soames and she drives a very

masculine Jaguar. They also

mutter that when she arrived

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If the men thought she

Alice Thomson interviews Jacqui Lait would tip-toe timorously through the first few days in



Jacqui Lait: "Whipping, like stripping, is best done in private"

with the 1992 intake, she had the temerity to complain not about the paucity of ladies' loos but the quality of the wine. But meeting Mrs Lait for lunch it is soon apparent that she is not the female shotputter of the House of Commons. She is strong, attractive, and engagingly

She admits the story about wine is true. "When I arrived at Westminster all there was was this awful Italian wine lake stuff in two-litre bottles. A woman likes a nice glass of wine with her plate of cheese, so yes I did complain," she

On children she is equally blunt. "I remember when I was about 12 walking down the High Street and watching all these young mothers with whingeing babies. It put my teeth on edge and I thought, 'I never want one of those. I would end up battering it. The sentiment stuck. I have been married 22 years and I have absolutely no maternal instincts. When my husband proposed, I was thrilled but the first thing I asked him was: "Do you want to have children? Because I have other things I want to do." My mother puts it down to the fact that my father died when I was 12 and I helped to bring up my younger brothers, so l have done it once."

18 Lait thinks her career has been "massively easier" because she didn't have children but she savs that shouldn't disqualify her doesn't like shopping but makes her own clothes instead and gets her hair cut by Robert at the Berkeley every three weeks.

The daughter of two textile agents in Renfrewshire, she was educated at Paisley Grammar School before

Strathclyde University. "I've wanted to be an MP since I was eight, when my godmother Pat Hornsby-Smith, then Tory MP for Chisleworth, took me round this place and I was smitten. It got me in the

But getting selected was difficult. The blue-rinse shire ble bachelors or married men they could respect. She didn't find a seat until her early forties, working meanwhile for the Government Information Service and then running her own lobbying company.

🦳 he didn't read Machia-

veili before taking up the whip's job but she did spend the summer working out some tacties in between opening fetes. "There are different ways of being tough, some people respond to hard man, soft man tactics, some to persuasion and others like to be flattered," she says. Her Paisley vowels can either be wonderfully soothing or terrifying and are mixed with lots of "bless you".

She is one of a rare breed of politicians who is not trying to jump on the moral bandwagon. But she will not mollycoddle any male MP who admits to an affair and is very aware that one of her duties is to stamp on sleaze. "Women are working too hard to have affairs here. Men should follow their example," she says briskly. She also expects them to dress properly and to control themselves in the House. "This is a place of dignity and respect and they must treat it as such."

She is not allowed to talk about policy any more and there is a black book. Whipping, like stripping, she reminds you, is best done in

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The real scandal of our schools

Melanie Phillips defends her

critique of moral relativism

ian individualists, who won't distinguish between good and bad behaviour because they think the equality of free choices is sacrosanct. In the other are those who think judgment between right and wrong and an assertion of the common good are essential for a civilised social ethic. These divisions explain the ferocity with which my book about education, All Must Have Prizes, has been received. Much of the reaction by the education establishment and other cultural custodians has been hysterical and personally malicious. Many teachers and parents, on the other hand, say

they endorse every word. The book argues that moral norms have frayed because of a breakdown of the role of education in nurturing the young. It was once axiomatic that parents and teachers had a duty to transmit to the young a body of knowledge and values, to initiate them into their culture and into the human condition itself. Now, however, the moral hierarchy which set adults in authority over children has been eroded. The idea that there is any superior wisdom or authority to be transmitted has been undermined, with catastrophic effects in the classroom no

less than in family life. There are many very good teachers and excellent schools, just as many parents are giving their children a sound upbringing. But the cards are stacked against them. Their authority has been weakened by moral and cultural relativism, which has relocated authority from institutions such as families, churches and schools to the individual. Now all of us, including children, feel entitled to be our private moral authority.

Teachers have become victims of this subjectivity, along with their pupils, since this free-for-all has sounded the retreat from teaching and from knowledge itself. Educational orthodoxy holds that the teacher is no longer the key to unlocking the mysteries of the world. Instead, children must discover history or science or maths for themselves. The child's creativity is regarded as the highest good, and rules and facts are falsely portrayed

as enemies of that creativity. Many primary teachers don't understand how children learn to read, or that the great majority can do so quite quickly, regardless of their social circumstances, provided they are taught properly. They don't know this because teacher training colleges give them a thinly veiled ideology designed to transfer "power" from teacher to pupil. Educational texts aimed at teachers of initial reading contain mind-bending redefinitions of reading itself. Guessing the rough meaning of words through picture clues or by memorising words from having stories read over and over again is considered "readerly behaviour". Errors aren't corrected, and actual reading ability measurable by tests is dismissed as merely reading 'decontextualised print" =

which most people would take to be what reading actually is. The belief that teaching any rules at all is "Gradgrindism"

Britain is in the grip of a culture war. In one camp are the libertarcertainties of mathematics. The result is that professors report that students with record numbers of A grades at A-level are unable to cope with degree work and have to join remedial classes to learn what once would have been taught to 12-year-olds.

> which are also essential to morality, lie in ruins in mainstream educational thinking. Some French GCSE courses. for example, now assume that children need not be taught word-endings, because the aim is merely for them to get the gist. They are expected to pick up grammar by osmosis. ust as small children are supposed to learn to read. At the root of all this is a dismaying confusion of roles. Expecting children to make their own way without adequate educational maps is to treat them as

Destructive processes are also at work in the family, where rules, structures and boundaries are dissolving in the face of the relentless march adults' and children's rights". As children are given adult responsibilities, adults are infantilised. The perma-nent commitment and care inherent in parental duty have become conditional upon adult "rights" to sexual gratification and personal fulfilment, which have contributed

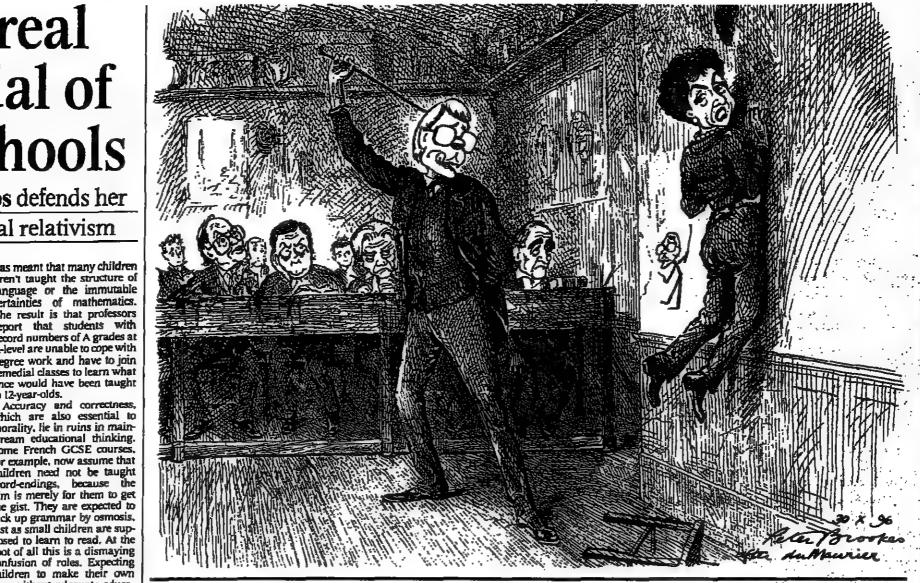
to the fracture of the two-parent family. Parental authority has been undermined by the inappropriate doctrine of children's autonomy, which has made punishment taboo and discipline a dirty word. So at home and at school, the narrative which anchors children in time and place, and against which they can securely define themselves, has fragmented. Is it surprising, then, that more and more children seek attention through outrageous or criminal behaviour, and suffer increasing rates of depression, eating disorders. educational under-achievement and other signs of confu-

sion and distress?

This betrayal of children has been brought about largely by the self-regarding elites which, despite much plous posturing, display precious little understanding of the needs of our most vulnerable citizens. Leading educationalists who have built their careers on quackery now seek, together with sneering metropolitans and other eminent custodians of the culture. to shut down the argument by denying the evidence of educational, family and moral collapse. So in a further flight from reason and objectivity. the testimony of teachers, examiners, inspectors, university professors, education psychologists, parents and pupils in my book is dismissed as invention or caricature.

The situation is both dangerous and hopeful. The dan-ger is that this political and moral vacuum is vulnerable to demagoguery, and so threatens liberal democracy itself. The hope arises from the anger being expressed by ordinary people, which may give rise to a new politics that will reassert true liberal values. The author is a columnist for

The Observer.



Major can come back

ton two years ago, Bill Clinton was the most unpopular President in modern history. His approval rating had sunk below 40 per cent. He was mired in sexual and financial sleaze. White House staff dealt in four-letter words. The Republicans had won control of both houses of Congress. Commentators declared that America was returning to the pre-New Deal era. Newt Gingrich was tipped for President. Not one analyst gave Clinton a chance of re-election in 1996.

I was duly convinced that Mr Clinton could not fail. He could not fail because the Republican Congress would not deliver on its half-baked programme and because the budget deficit would ensure an economic boom in time for the 1996 campaign. So it has proved. Washington last week was suffering total amnesia about 1994. Mr Gingrich is nowhere to be seen. The economy is in excellent shape and Mr Clinton is

about to be re-elected. Now take a deep breath and return to Britain. Ministers gather each morning in Downing Street like an exhausted repertory troupe, poring over their press notices and wailing at the unfairness of it all. They ask focus groups and Fleet Street editors what they can do to be saved. Should Gillian Shephard stage a mass flogg-ing of every child in the land? Would that do? Should a gibbet be erected in Whitehall for the ritual hanging of single mothers, probation officers, school urchins and handgun owners? There must be some votes in that. Can this ensemble really do a Clinton

and win next April? Of course they can. In a two-horse race the favourite can always stumble. In a democracy there are, as Lady Thatcher said, no final victories. Nor are there final defeats. The only question asked of clients by enterprise gurus is: do you sincerely want to win? The present Cabinet appears to have given up. Many of its members are fighting a post-election leadership contest, which is a wholly different struggle.

Let us return to the Clinton renaissance. His mid-term standing two years ago seemed desperate but only seemed so. Analysts misread the President's disapproval rating as reflecting a seismic shift in the political character of America. Yet the Democrats scored exactly the same proportion of the poll in those congressional elections (43 per cent) as they did when Mr Clinton was elected in 1992. The difference in 1992 The Tories should copy Clinton: forget morality and stick to the economy

was that Ross Perot divided the anti-Clinton vote. By the same token, though Mr Clinton's approval rating is now back up to 60 per cent, I still believe he may not win the landslide suggested by the polls. With polls wildly variable, even pollsters are hedging their bets with talk of a 10point margin of error.

The moral of the story is the old one, that polis can seriously damage your analysis. Back in Britain, the Conservatives appear to be in Mr Clinton's bind of two years ago. As yet, the usual "recovery" as an election approaches has not occurred. There is some evi-

dence of Labour's 20-30 point lead narrowing, but the Tory poll share is Democrat fortunes. Even the deepest sceptic of the hypothetical election question - such as myself - must

find this a yawning gap. Nor is there much comfort in that favourite of the pundits, the feel-good factor. The precursor to a Tory electoral recovery is usually rising public confidence in the economy. MORI's trend line on this is consistent through the pre-election booms of 1983 and 1987. Britain's economic showing is, as Kenneth Clarke robotically puts it, "a good news story". The electorate is beginning to agree. Economic optimism has been rising since the start of 1995 and the onset of "Cool Britannia". Yet the optimism refuses to leach into poll

support for the Tories. It is as if the

electorate feels rich enough to risk a

Labour victory.

So where's the hope for the Tories? Any late swing to them will have to be a swing of meteoric speed. But it is starting. MORI slightly and NOP markedly have the gap closing, as it has always closed before. Tory managers are drawing comfort this week from a private poll from James Capel among former Tory voters. The proportion saying they will stay loyal has risen from a mere 36 per cent in April to 50 per cent now, suggesting that the return of the faithful is under way. Among former Tories, Mr Major's personal rating has im-

proved steadily through the summer. The base of this recovery is, of course, alarmingly small, a mere 29-34 per cent of each sample. But remember 1992. People lied to poll-Labour into office. They would vote Labour into office. They pretended not to support what they saw as an unpopular Tory party, and disguised the importance they attached to their publishing the salies in the allies that it is the allies that it is the problem. wallets in the polling booth. (The economy was in far worse shape then.) Yet the pollsters had Labour back "in the lead" within three months of Mr Major's election vic-

tory in 1992. These "invitations to protest", alive with adjustment factors, are deeply suspect. I could as well lop ten points off Labour's current lead to adlie", and give the Tories just ten points to close by

polling day.

The biggest obstacle to closing the gap is at present the Tory party itself. Only one campaign tactic should be in the frame: to convert the rise in economic optimism into a fear that Labour will wreck it all. This needs the Tory waverers of 1992 to give greater weight to the economy than polls claim they do at present. The economy and taxation are two issues on which the Tories are still ahead of Labour on competence. If 1992 is any guide, an inclination to vote Tory is a hidden secret for these waverers. shared only with the curtain and the pencil of the polling booth. The secret is fear about money, fear for the purse. Perhaps new Labour cannot handle the economy better than old Labour. Perhaps, whatever Mr Blair says, he will indeed increase taxes. The waverer wavers: perhaps I am not doing too badly and should plump for the devil I know. Let others

take a risk, I am for security. Britain's economy is doing remarkably well at present. Apart from the mini-states, it ranks only after America and Japan for competitiveness (according to the World Economic Forum ranking). The Government seems incapable of getting this onto its political platform. Instead it throws mud at itself. Not a day passes without a government spokes-

man bellowing that Britain has gone to the dogs under the Tories. Tory Britain is portrayed as morally barren. Its schools seethe with truancy and violence. Hospitals face financial catastrophe. Streets teem with the detritus of welfare failure. Prisons are bursting with criminality. Legislation is rushed through Parliament each week to control some new moral fungus dredged up by the press. And then ministers whinge that the nation refuses to feel good.

This is ludicrous. Tories have

always won elections by telling the public "You've never had it so good". not "You've never been so bad". This used to be the party of prosperity and optimism, not the bleak Dotheboy's Hall of today's Department of Educa-tion or Home Office, telling Britons each day how awful they have be-come On education, Labour leads by three to one. The Tories should shut up about schools. Labour leads the Tories on health by six to one. The Tories should shut up about health.
Unemployment and welfare give Labour a five-to-one lead; even on law neck. All these ministers should be gagged and shackled to their desks.

he Government has two sound assets at present. One is the bonesty and likeability of the Prime Minister and his deputy, Michael Heseltine. The other is the state of the economy, in the hands of the Cabinet's next bestknown personality, Kenneth Clarke. Here is the one remotely plausible core of electoral recovery. Here and nowhere else.

Mr Clinton has rebuilt his popularity this past year on a simple message. The job of government is the prosperity of the people. If you want re-election you must tell them how well they are doing with your help. In America, Democrat strategists have shut down every other issue. Nobody is permitted to mention crime, schools, cities, drugs, welfare. The message is, as always, "the economy, stupid". The British Government. seems to choke on this message. Yet it must persuade the same 43 per cent of the electorate who have loyally supported it at the past four elections to do so again. This patently means putting the nation's current economic prosperity at the centre of the political stage, and ending the inane rant from Downing Street about the state of the

public's morals. Of course the Tories can win the election. They will find it very hard. So why make it harder every day?

Alan Coren



How our great leaders could at last start to earn their keep

was smoking one of Chairman Mao's cigarettes this morning and gazing at John Major's tie, when something flashed upon that inward eye which is the bliss of solitude, especially for those with 800 words to cobble.

words to coole.

Solitude being what it is, you will immediately appreciate that neither great leader was actually with me, the one being in a mausoleum and in no position to hand his fags round, and the other being in Cabinet and in no position to sit and chew the Cricklewood fat, whatever his accessories: the cigarette was Chairman Mao's only insofar as that was its brand name, as anyone with a smattering of Mandarin could see from the packet, and the Prime Minister was flashing his tie at me only from the illustration to a newspaper article about the increasing prominence of his neckwear, as anyone with a smattering of nattiness could see from the knot.

The packet of Maos had been brought back for me from Peking by a foreign-corresponding friend, together with a couple of those brain-breaking statistics which invari-ably accompany anything about China — in this case the facts that, as the country's most mat, as the country's most popular brand, four billion. Maos are smoked every day, and that, as a source of profit to the State, which owns the brand, they are worth £6 billion. a year. And the reason they are the most popular brand is not down simply to posthumous reverence for the ex-Chairman, but also to the fact that though he himself smoked 60 of them a day, he did not become ex until

ow could all this not focus the inward eye upon the matter of Mr. Major's smart new knot? For while he may not be held in quite the same gobsmacked reverence as Mao Tse-tung. some 15 million Britons are currently prepared to vote for his continuation as leader, and that is a lot of ties,

coming up. Were, therefore, the State to found a neckwear factory to pump out an exclusive John Major range of the sort of spots and stripes calculated instantly to commend themselves to the tastes of his followers, might the Exchequer not find itself sitting on a goldmine second only to the lottery as a source of new funding? Never mind first to the lottery as a source of new employment, for what is one Mystic Meg and one Anthea Turner, compared with 500

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hand-knitters? And why stop there? There is a whole governmentful of profit-pregnant eponyms ready to turn loyal cash-registers into a national carillon. Tell me that there is no market for Heseltine Haircare Products or Portillo For Him male fragrances, and I will reply that you have as scant a grasp of Toridolatry as if you had said that Sir Nicholas Scott could not shift as many cases of Auld Nick Quick-Action Single Malt as the national distillery could turn out, or that a range of Ginny Bottomley lingerie would not drive Janet Reger and La Perla into Carey Street, or that a chain of Colonel Soames Kentucky Fried Whole Roast Oxen would not take the nation by storm, or that packets of Mellors would not change the weekend habits

Tor is it, surely, too late, even now, to bring dewy-eyed millions rushing to handbag counters to snap up Really Big Thatchers, designed not merely to propagandise the new national need to carry fat wads of enterprise proceeds, but also the need to protect these against enemies of law and order who might fancy their mugging chances, only to be laid out cold with a single nostalgic swing.

You will say fine, what a wonderful idea, once again he has stepped into the national breach and saved its bacon, but is there no piece of this visionary action for our great Chancellor of the Exchequer? But of course there is. Because what will this extraordinary generanon of unexpected governmental income bring as a further inestimable boon if not the literally golden opportunity for him to introduce those precious votemongering tax-cuts to which he has hitherto been unwilling to commit himself? To say nothing of a fair few bob from Kennikin Little Cheroots.

Labour blues pinstripe. "But more than that, he

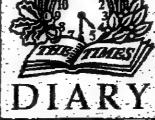
MATTHEW HARDING'S contribution to the Labour Party was not limited to swelling its coffers, it has emerged. The Guinness-drinking vice-chairman of Chelsea FC had been advising Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, on the financial aspects of Labour's manifesto. His death robs the party of one of its best links with the City and in particular, the complex insurance

Recent months have seen some aggressive courting of the City by both Brown and his deputy. Alistair Darling. Harding, who had given £600,000 of his promised £1 million to the Labour Party by the time he died last week, met Brown more than once to discuss City policy. When he found time to tear himself away from Stamford Bridge, he was a regular at Tony Blair's dining table.

"He was a useful point of reference in the City," was all Mr Blair's office would say yesterday. Others, however, were more forthcoming on the man who is mourned as much in the City as on the terraces: "Matthew provided Labour with a link with the City." said one lent the party credibility where it needs it most.

■ Bad news for the ENO as it warms up for next month's pre-mière of Bernd Alois Zimmermann's opera Die Soldaten, a huge sprawling German affair. The lead tenor. Jon Garrison, is in hospital with a broken arm and bruised ribs after a jogging acci-





dent. Breathing is difficult for him and long passages are proving a trial. Die Soldaten is full of long DUSSINES.

Of opportunity

WITH the presidential election looming in America, there is already talk of likely successors to Admiral William Crowe as Ambassador to London. Crowe, now 71, is expected to refire soon after the election. In recent weeks he has had both the Queen and the Prime Minister round for dinner, an indication that he may be saying his goodbyes.

The most colourful entrant in the race to succeed him is Swanee Hunt, a Texan oil heiress and friend of Hillary Clinton, whose

family have a large stake in the Lanesborough Hotel in London. Some lessons in diplomatic subtlety, however, may be in order for Mrs Hunt. On a recent visit to New Delhi, which comes after London on her hitlist, she was seen mea-

Agent Ashley OUT OF retirement on behalf of new Labour comes a stalwart of the old school, Sir Ashley Bramall,

suring the windows at the Ameri-

can Embassy for curtains.

now aged 80 and the ripest election agent around. A former member of the Greater London Council, Sir Ashley has



Bramail: party loyalty

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Westminster City Council next month. "I'm vintage Labour, real-ly." he says, "but I'm 2 great supporter of Tony Blair." Half-baked

Garside, 65, who stands as a pro-

AMONG the more interesting

races for the US Senate is one in Alaska, where the incumbent Republican. Ted Stevens, is being challenged by one Theresa Obermeyer, Democrat.

Mrs Obermeyer, reports the Congressional Quarterly, is ob-sessed with her husband's failure to pass the Alaska bar exam after nearly two dozen attempts. She blames Stevens and follows him to public events where she interrogates him dressed in a prisoner's black-and-white strines with accompanying ball-and-chain. Stevens has now accused Mrs Obermeyer of stalking him.

 This week's Woman's Weekly magazine carries an interesting feature about how to minimise the risk of having a heart attack en fla-

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Just modelling

grante, entitled "Make Ser even Safer". Illustrating the piece is this picture of a mature couple, fully clothed and comfortably entwined. The woman gazing alluringly from the page is none other than Sandra Howard, model, and model wife of the Home Secretary, Sadly, the man nuzzling her neck is not

Clinical academic doctors spurned From Professor Sir Keith Peters, FRS, to Sir. We are deeply concerned by the u decision, announced on October II. of the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) to abandon

the pay link between NHS hospital doctors and hospital doctors employed by the universities with medical This occurs at a time when the future for clinical academic medicine (of whose achievements in the development of patient care, the creation of new specialities and the conduct of clinical research the UK can be justifiably proud) is already threatened. In 1995 the House of Lords Select Committee on Medical Research recommended to government that an in-

quiry be set up to study the deteriorating circumstances of academic medicine. In the event the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals established an independent inquiry under the chairmanship of Sir Rex Richards after government's failure to acknowledge that there was indeed a significant problem in recruiting and retaining doctors in academic medicine. The refusal of the UCEA to meet the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body

and Professor Frank Harris

schools.

pay award to clinical academics breaches the principle of parity between the two groups of hospital doctors who work side by side through all grades in the NHS. In major teaching hospitals, the clinical academics may deliver more than 50 per cent of the key acute medical and surgical services to patients. This now annual battle with the De-

partment for Education and Employment to maintain the principle of pay parity between the NHS and the university doctors occurs in spite of DFEE awareness of the promise made by Sir Keith Joseph in 1986 and

is deeply damaging.
The effect of the UCEA decision.will be greatest on young academics who are the seed corn for the future of medicine: they will be under pressure to change to service posts that will at best provide only limited opportunities to conduct research. The teaching of medical students and the postgraduate education of doctors must also

In short, it will not be possible to retain or recruit the best young people to academic medicine. For the sake of saving a relatively small sum (the additional cash required to maintain pay parity is £4.8 million) the DFEE seems prepared to jeopardise the future of an enterprise whose excellence is vital to the NHS.

Yours sincerely, KEITH PETERS (Chairman), FRANK HARRIS (Executive Secretary), Council of Deans of UK Medical Schools and Faculties, PO Box 138. Maurice Shock Medical Sciences Building, University Road, Leicester. October 29.

Classic mix-up

From Mr Eric F. Warne

Sir, The item headed "Classic fudge" (Diary, October 23) refers to John Williams, composer of film soundtracks. As Mr Williams also composes other music (he has two symphonies and concertos for violin and for flute to his credit, among other works) I can quite see that he may well be caught in the charts "trap". However, as far as f am aware, he is not renowned as a guitarist

It would appear that John Williams the composer has been inadvertently amalgamated with John Williams the eminent Australian guitarist. At a time when mergers are prevalent in so many areas of activity the world of music is indeed fortunate to have two leading musicians of the same name using their diverse respective talents for our benefit and delectation.

Yours faithfully. ERIC WARNE The Drey, 71 Lakewood Road, Chandler's Ford, Hampshire. October 24.

A broad canvas

From Mr E. W. Lighton

Sir, The comic effects of cut-offs between volumes of encyclopaedias (letters, October 23, 25) is repeated in the page headings of reference works. For example, the Yellow Pages of Ed-

monton (Alberta) telephone district had an entry of "Marriage Counsellors - Martial Arts". Yours faithfully, E. W. LIGHTON.

11 Ryebank Avenue, Crewe, Cheshire,

Walls of sound

From Mr Robert Vincent

Sir, In Amanda Loose's engaging piece "How to give your house saleability" (October 23) one learns that in this five-storey mid-Victorian house there is a "modern sense of balanced

One wonders quite how this will be sustained now that the owners "have added speakers to every room".

Yours faithfully, ROBERT VINCENT, Dilly House, Wildhern, Andover, Hampshire,

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PLAYING WITH FIREWORKS

Morality in politics has to be handled with care

Since Frances Lawrence launched her manifesto for an ethical renaissance in this newspaper, ministers and shadow ministers have jostled each other for a place in her limelight. Their attempts to have her moral rectifude reflected on them have been alternately opportunistic and clumsy. Yesterday saw an example that was both at once.

Cillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, appearing on Radio 4's Today programme, seemed to support the idea of corporal punishment being reintroduced in schools. She was trying both to clothe herself in this week's modish moral garments, while simultaneously stealing headlines from her shadow. David Blunkett, who was launching his party's policy on home-school

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By the end of the morning, though, Mrs Shephard had been publicly slapped down by her own Prime Minister. John Major's spokesman made it quite clear that corporal. punishment would not form part of this session's Education Bill; nor would the Government support any backbench amendment to that end. Mrs Shephard hadto break off in the middle of a speech to take his call; and was forced to announce in the Commons that she and the Prime Minister were at odds, but that government policy in her own department would diverge from her

personal views. Cynics read the Education Secretary's behaviour as an attempt to make herself popular with the Right, which has been disappointed with her tenure at education. No ambitious Cabinet minister these days can afford to ignore the election after next, at which a new Tory leader will be chosen. But the effect of her actions is to add to the damage that the recent auction of moral promises has done to the Government's

In the course of a week, ministers have

stumbled each time that they have tried to attune policies to the new national mood. On gun control, they were outflanked by Labour. On legislation on stalking and paedophiles, they were forced into an embarrassing U-turn. On combat knives, they had to concede the principle of a ban. On corporal punishment, the about-turn was effected within hours. But the consequences live on. There is no doubt that an amendment will be put to the Education Bill, seeking to bring back the cane. Mrs

Shephard will have to oppose it. The language of morality was until recently an unfamiliar tongue for politicians. It shows: After 17 years of emphasising economic determinism, ministers have grown rusty. Tony Blair has had a little more practice. But even he has fallen foul of the law that says that moral pronouncements gather a momentum of their own. Having spoken of his opposition. to abortion, he is now under fire for voting against his personal views, and for not

changing his party's policy on the issue. As we argued yesterday, morality has its rightful place in the political discourse. But ithas to be handled delicately. Mr Major discovered when he embarked upon his "back to basics" philosophy that ethical crusades can all too easily rebound on the politicians who launch them. They tend to have ramifications well beyond their

progenitors' original intentions. That is why they should not be made up on the hoof, as Mrs Shephard seemed to be doing yesterday. Moral matters deserve lengthy consideration, rather than exploitation for instant political gain by politicians of either side seeking to trump their opponents. Like playing with fireworks, introducing the language of morality to politics can be dangerous; unless handled with care, it has a habit of blowing up in the politician's face.

TARNISHED GOLD

Victims of the Nazis have had to wait too long for restitution

It seems barely credible that it has taken more than 50 years to compensate countries for the looting they suffered at the hands of the Nazis. Yesterday, however, the way was finally opened for Britain and America to kilograms of gold held in the Bank of England and 2100 kilograms held in the Federal Reserve Bank. A settlement was reached in London with Albania, under which Tirana will pay compensation for the loss of two British destroyers sunk off the Albanian coast in 1946, and Britain will pay Tirana the residue of the gold looted by Germany from the Albanian treasury.

This sorry saga should have been brought to an end years ago. The legal wrangling and culpably tardy pace of negotiations are a standing reproach to Britain and the claimant governments. They have added to the frustration not only of the claimant governments but of thousands of Jewish families who have been told they cannot lodge individual claims in London but must wait until the money has returned to their home countries.

Public awareness of this lingering injustice was raised during the summer by the controversy over the separate but related question of the gold purchased from the Nazis by Switzerland. The World Jewish Restitution Organisation has pointed out that both the bullion recovered from Germany and held in Britain, as well as the ingots bought by Swiss banks, probably contained large amounts of gold looted from Jewish families, melted down and stamped by the Germans with a false prewar date. The organisation is therefore asking Britain not to hand over the gold directly to the ten governments, but to pay it instead to charities that will compensate Jewish families who suffered death and loss during the Holocaurt.

 Britain is sympathetic to this request. It is extremely unlikely, for example, that a country such as Yugoslavia, due to receive a share of the gold, will now accede to claims by Jews in Belgrade; the money instead will almost certainly be diverted to pay for the huge debts incurred by sanctions and the war in Bosnia. However, there is little that Britain can do: it is not British gold, and binding agreements have long been reached

The demand for restitution is a strong one, however, and is at the heart of two other related issues that have outraged world opinion. The first is the issue of the gold that Switzerland still holds. The Berne Government was so stung by the furore, especially in Britain and America, that it appointed a special investigating commission. This will now start work in January, earlier than envisaged, by bypassing the need for a referendum. Swiss indignation may turn to embarrassment, however, if the investigators find more evidence similar to the deal Switzerland now admits it made with

Poland over Jewish claims. The second issue does not concern gold, but art looted from Austrian Jews. Only now has Austria made any real effort to trace the owners or sell masterpieces stored for years in museums and a monastery. The record bids at yesterday's auction indicate a guilty conscience that Austria has done too little to acknowledge complicity in Hitler's war machine or to compensate its victims. For many victims, the money yielded in all three cases is too late. Restitution is impossible for monstrous crimes; but compensation, if long overdue, is a moral obligation that has been left unpaid far too long.

CARS FOR COUPLETS

If you can meet with a Triumph or a Lanchester . . .

The man who offered Kipling a car in return for a mention in one of his works knew his poets. As our Arts Correspondent reports on page & paper-bags discovered in a drawer contain a hoard of Kipling papers. One offers Kipling a new Lanchester if he will immortalise the writer in print. The writer spells the name of the car wrong. But he recognises an old truth: vita brevis, ars longa. Any Viva now needs an MoT certificate, but Art lasts longer.

He also knew his man. In his short stories, Kipling was the first poet of the internal combustion engine. Before the M23 ran with tailbacks to Brighton, Kipling celebrated the joys of the open road. He started a genre of adventures with motoring which was later imitated by such successors at the wheel and gear-lever as Dornford Yates and Ian Fleming Kipling refused the car, not because he disapproved of the bribe, but because he had only just got used to his

Verse for perks is as old as poetry itself. Even poets must eat, and in this century they also like to drive a car. Since the beginning of poetry, it has been the privilege of the wealthy man to support the versifying man. Horace was given his Sabine farm as a bung from the new regime, and he made his patrons immortal in verses that few find fulsome. And even from the comfort of his new estate. Horace recognised that his masters had got a bargain. A good poem is a memorial that lasts even longer than a Rollsand Chicken

Royce. Brave heroes lived before Agamemnon. But nobody remembers them because they did not have a poet to pay for a mention.

Like all artists, Kipling drew on real people for his fictions. Where else than on the road can an artist find out what makes people or engines tick? Identifying the subtextual influences for such characters as Stalky and MTurk is a literary industry. And Renaissance artists painted their patrons into their triptychs beside the saints. From Pope to Betjeman, writers have used

verse to puff friends and hiss enemies. So there is nothing unusual or improper in attempting to buy immortality from an artist. That trade-off has always been part of the arts market-place. In an age in which belief in physical immortality has dwindled. the lust for having one's name famous even for 15 minutes has spread from phone-ins to footballers' shirts.

A poem lasts longer than an election poster. But if needs to be by a poet as good on his day as Kipling. Perhaps his correspondent just did not offer a big enough sop. He should have tempted the car-crazy poet with a grander motor, if they came grander than Lanchesters. His attempt may not have been wasted. His letter will now earn somebody enough to buy at least a second-hand car. And for the attention of the Kipling industry, it might have influenced the poet when he was composing what has recently been voted the most popular poem in English. If all cars count with you, but none too much.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Dr G. J. Cresswell

Sir, Simon Jenkins (The opium of

America", October 24) is quite right to

draw attention to the irrationality of anti-drugs legislation but he also

Drug-peddling is enormously prof-

itable because the addictive sub-

stances (opiates and, to a lesser extent,

cocaine and amphetamines and their

derivatives) have scarcity value driven by their illegality and because they

are, by their very nature, self-market-ing, once addiction can be established.

These characteristics together provide

The only way to interrupt this cycle

is to drop the street price of addictive

drugs to virtually nothing. This would

at a stroke eliminate the profit poten-

tial and simultaneously the drive to

addict the vulnerable. Drugs could be

provided by the State, free of charge or

for the equivalent of a prescription

Provided that the user is willing to

accept appropriate counselling, the drugs could be provided in whatever

quantities he might require. I have no

doubt that the cost of provision, coun-

selling and administration would be

covered by the savings consequent on

the associated reduction in crime and

that after a short bonanza drug use

would drop to manageable levels.

Kilmeston, Alresford, Hampshire.

Sir, Random drug-testing in prisons is

said to cost at least twice as much as a drug-reduction and rehabilitation

We randomly test prisoners in Lan-

cashire but not at weekends. I have

Sir. To my mind Libby Purves's ac-

count of prisons "clogged with fine-

defaulters and shoplifters" ("Prisoners

of stupidity", October 22) was mis-

leading. Every effort is made by the

criminal courts to employ appropriate

rather than prison is by far the most commonly used punishment and is

However, experience clearly shows that prison is the only practical and

effective method of enforcement

against the minority who will not pay.

As a sentence, prison is reserved for

the serious and/or repeat offender. It

is wholly exceptional for magistrates

We must not allow the short-

comings of the prison regime to justify

an enforced reduction in the necessary

use of prison by the courts. Victims

need respite and examples must be

made. In the final analysis, only

prison protects us from those who

refuse to see and respond to reason.

It is quite wrong to urge, as your sub-heading did, that "custodial sen-

tences must become a last resort".

They have been for a long, long time.

South Tyneside Magistrate's Court,

Parliamentary reform

Sir, Peter Riddell's article on reform of

the Commons (October 21) did not

consider the impact of the proposed Scottish devolution proposals, which would have the effect of converting the

Commons into a federal chamber for

Scotland but the unitary parliament

for England and Wales. It is difficult,

to say the least, to see how such a biz-

arre hybrid could function satisfac-

torily for very long.

Many readers will agree with Peter

Riddell that the Commons is too large,

but spare a thought for us Scots who

are liable to find ourselves with a Scot-

tish parliament with an additional 142

politicians only too willing to legislate

for five million people. A similar par-liament for England would, pro rata,

have 1,350 members for approximate-

10 Uist Crescent, Stepps, Glasgow.

ly 47.5 million.

October 21.

Yours faithfully, GRAEME WOOLASTON,

Crossing the floor

From Mr George A. Lansdowne

CHRISTOPHÉR LIVESLEY

Yours faithfully,

(Justices' Clerk).

Campbell Park Road

Hebburn, Tyne and Wear.

From Mr Graeme Woolaston

to send "shoplifters" to prison.

programme (report, October 25).

Yours faithfully,

Ann Cottage,

G. J. CRESSWELL,

From Mr Derek Forrest

From Mr C. J. Livesley

the drive to addict the young.

charge.

stops short of the unthinkable.

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

Monday.

fect) to diminish.

Yours faithfully

Solicitor Direct,

DEREK FORREST.

Leyland House, Lancashire

Enterprises Business Park,

From Dr Dorothy E. Speed

been told by prisoners that cannabis

remains in the blood for 14 days, hero-

in only four, so if a prisoner goes on a heroin trip on Friday evening he

would be at risk of discovery only on

Heroin use would thus tend to in-

crease and cannabis use (which pris-

on officials have told me that, in the

absence of complete exclusion of

drugs, they favour for its calming ef-

The net effect, as I see it, is that

prisons will discharge more and more

heroin addicts who have only one way

of supporting their £60-a-day habit:

Centurion Way, Leyland, Lancashire.

Sir, I suggest that money spent on costly drug tests would be better used in preventing drugs coming into prisons in the first place. It is irrespon-

sible to use public money on random

tests, while continuing to allow such

easy access of drugs to prisoners. Bet-

ter searches of visitors and treating

open visits as an earned privilege,

rather than a right, would go a long way to cut down the present easy

To cut off the supply of drugs to

prisoners would not only make drug

rehabilitation schemes more mean-

ingful but would save money. Prison-

ers whose use of drugs is detected lose

remission. Penalties range from two

to four weeks at circa £460 a week.

Sir. As a member of the South Tyne-

side duty solicitor scheme I regularly

attend to and advise people who are

arrested by a warrants officer and

brought before the court for non-

payment of fines. It has become in-

number of single mothers are being

arrested in connection with non-

A typical case, of which I have had

several over the last week, will involve

a mother of three or four children who

is arrested and brought before the

court having been detained in the police cells. The amounts of arrears

Whilst the magistrates show great

sympathy and compassion to these

cases they are nevertheless disturbing

Might I suggest that the Govern-ment deals with this problem by

allowing women who are in receipt of

income support to have free television.

licences and to rid the criminal courts

of the onerous task of dealing with this humiliating and unnecessary

can very often be as little as £10.

to deal with.

Yours faithfully,

7 Beach Road,

October 22.

CHARLES SCOTT,

tion is no exception.

is the consequence.

Town Hall Chambers,

Ward Hadaway (solicitors),

South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

From Mr Richard A. Edwards

Sir, At the end of every Parliament

each administration engages in an un-

dignified scramble to place its Bills on

the statute book. As events of recent

days illustrate the Major administra-

Inevitably, important Bills are lost

when Parliament expires, while oth-

ers are not brought forward simply

because there is no parliamentary

time. Poor and inadequate legislation

House of Representatives may resolve

that any Bill or business before it be

carried over into the next session,

whether of the same Parliament or not

(Constitution Act 1986, s20). Conse-

quently Bills in New Zealand do not

lapse on the dissolution or expiration

Has the time not come for the en-

actment of a similar provision here?

60 Queen's Road. Devizes, Wiltshire.

In New Zealand, by contrast, the

payment of television licence fines.

Yours truly

October 26.

Courts' use of custodial sentences

D. E. SPEED.

20 Winchester Street, SWI.

From Mr Charles Scott

transfer of drugs into prisons.

Church appeal for Breaking the cycle of drug misuse action on Zaire

From the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council

Sir, No one needs to be reminded of the tragedy which befell Rwanda two years ago. Few will forget the scenes which filled our television screens in

April and May of 1994.

At that time, the international community, including the Churches, stood accused of failing to take deci-sive action as those terrible events un-

lolded. Today, we stand on the verge of re-newed disaster in the region. New vio-lence flares in Zaire, and more people are dying every day. It threatens to draw in not only the Rwandan refugees living in Zaire, but also the Rwandan Government and Army. It is unlikely that the Government of Burundi would stand aside, and Tanzania and Uganda would undoubtedly be affected by any international conflict in the region.

The world cannot stand by and watch again. No one wishes to interfere in the internal affairs of independent nations, but the people of that war-weary region of Central Africa

can surely bear no more. We appeal to the governments of the nations concerned to step back from the chasm of war. We urge leaders in other parts of the continent to exert influence upon their colleagues to bring the killings to an end. We call on all member states of the United Nations to take whatever steps are needed to save this desperate situation, and we fully support the call by the UN for an international conference to address the underlying needs of the region.

We give an assurance that our Churches will do all in their power to support efforts for peace and justice.

Yours faithfully, *†GEORGE CANTUAR*, KATHLEEN RICHARDSON, As from Lambeth Palace, SE1.

Children at risk

From Ms Amanda Grant

Sir, The plight of the baby boy tortured and abused by his father until death came as "a merciful release" we can find some way to protect help-less children from such cruelty.

When I left hospital with my newborn son last summer I was visited daily for ten days by my midwife, then weekly for four weeks by my health visitor. The baby was undressed and weighed each time. It was then up to me to take the baby to a clinic for regular weigh-ins, and I found it convenient to go every month or so, so that his progress could be regularly plotted on the weight charts.

Could these checkups not be made compulsory for the first few years of a child's life? A reminder could be sent to the parent of a child that has not attended a clinic recently and, if necessary, the child could be visited at home. A lack of co-operation by the parents could be taken as an indication that all was not well.

Yours faithfully, AMANDA GRANT. Bentley, Farnham, Surrey. October 24.

Banning handguns

From Mr Martin Pawley

Sir, The ordeal of Lord and Lady Mc-Gowan (report, October 28) casts an interesting light on the impending legislation to ban handguns. For centuries a pistol was regarded as a weapon of defence and was unlicensed. Now we are in the process of creating a society in which it will be illegal to

Terrorists, criminals and the police will be armed to the teeth, and only law-abiding citizens in their own homes will be defenceless.

Yours faithfully, MARTIN PAWLEY, Church Wing, The Old Rectory, Somerton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. October 28.

Savage' Hillaby

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, John Hillaby, whose obituary you publish today, was first and foremost a naturalist. He once received a letter from Harvard informing him that that university had adopted one of his early works as a textbook. A degree was enclosed, and Hillaby demonstrated his foresight by using it to buy life membership of the London Lib-

rary and the Savage Club. Hillaby was a true Savage, walking regularly from Hampstead to the club and eventually home again. He would, when asked, demonstrate his walking ability by leaning forward at the angle made famous by M Hulot — "halves the effort" he would explain. He always spoke as he wrote, good English prose.

Yours truly. BERNARD KAUKAS. Savage Club, I Whitehall Place, SWI. October 21.

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be fixed to 0171-702 \$446

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Masonic loyalty From Mr R. E. Floyd

October 23.

of Parliament.

Yours faithfully,

Sir, Peter Thurman is berated by Mr John Martin (letter, October 21) for his "treachery" towards the party activists who helped him retain his seat. His party can hardly be expected to look kindly on his defection to the Liberal Democrats, but it is typical of party supporters who regard their creed as some kind of religion that they overlook the voters whom the MPs are

supposed to represent. Democracy is a delicate flower that needs all the help it can get. It is tempting to believe that the Conservative Party's treachery towards the elector-ate was a test of Mr Thurman's con-SCIENCE.

Floyd Harris GEORGE LANSDOWNE. 24 Turners Mill Road,

RICHARD A. EDWARDS.

Sir. It is suggested in your report (October 25) that membership of Freemasonry, being a body that demands loyalty of its members, must create a conflict of interest for police officers. It would be a poor organisation that did not demand some form of loyalty from its membership. However, in the case of Freemasonry the priorities are unambiguous. A Freemason's vows

are not to take priority over his civil. moral or religious duties. Accordingly a police officer, like anybody holding public office, need never be compromised by Masonic loyalty. Yours faithfully,

RICHARD FLOYD. (Chartered accountants). Mitre House, 41/46 Fleet Street, EC4. Pow

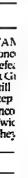
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BOROMARIMAN MANSION BANGKOK

October 29: The Queen accompanied by Princess Sirindhorn, this morning visited the British Council, Bangkok, and opened the new

Her Majesty, with her Royal Highness, afterwards visited Chulalongkorn University and met students and staff. The Prime Minister of Thailand (Mr Banharn Silpa-Archa) later

called upon The Queen. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently attended a Luncheon given by the Prime Minister at the Bank of Thailand. Bang Khun Phrom Pala

Afterwards Her Majesty and His Royal Highness viewed a procession of the Royal Barges on

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later viewed a display of partnership between Thai International Airlines and Rolls-Royce plc at Don Muang Airport. This evening Her Majesty and His Royal Highness watched a

Sound and Light performance at the ancient capital, Ayudhya, with The King and Queen of Thailand, and were subsequently entertained to Dinner by Their Majesties at Bang Pa-In Palace. The Duke of Edinburgh this morning opened the new offices of Standard Chartered Bank,

Bangkok. His Royal Highness later visited the Royal Thai Naval Academy. The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon received senior Thai

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** October 29: The Princess Royal, Patron, Spinal Injuries Association, this morning opened the new Williams Grand Prix Engineering Factory at Grove, Wantage, and was received by Her

Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant o Oxfordshire (Mr Hugo Brunner). Her Royal Highness, Presiden

of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon launched the Hackney Safer Cities Grants Scheme "Mak-ing a Difference in Hackney" at Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, The Princess Royal, President,

the Rural Housing Trust, this evening attended the John Arlott Rioia Dinner at the Landmark Hotel, Marylebone Road, London NWI.

ST JAMES'S PALACE October 29: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, Army Air Corps, this morning presented the Colo-nel-in-Chief's Trophy to the 1995

and 1996 winners.

His Royal Highness this afternoon departed from Royal Air Force Northolt for Brussels. On arrival. The Prince of Wales

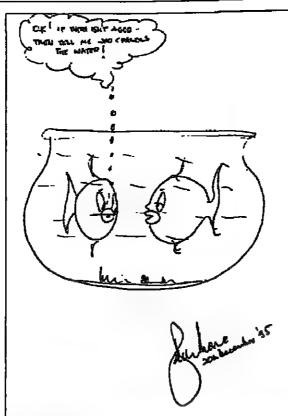
Technology Unit. Everberg. His Royal Highness this eve ning attended a Reception and Dinner given by the Agricultura Reform Group at the Eurovillage Hotel, Boulevard Charlemagne. Commander Richard Ayland RN and Miss Sandy Henney are in

KENSINGTON PALACE October 29: The Duke of Glouces-ter this evening attended a reception at the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates London House, Mecklenburgh Square, London WCI. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE October 29: The Duke of Kent this morning met with the Vice Presi-dent of the Republic of Srpska. Mr

Dragoljub Mirjanic and opened Landeke Bridge Western Bosnia and Herzegovina.

His Royal Highness later visited 22 Engineer Regiment at Divulge Barracks, near Spilit, Croatia, and mer with The Mayor of Spilit at the met with The Mayor of Split at the Diodetian's Palace.







A hundred doodles, drawn and donated by celebrities, will be auctioned for Unicef, the United Nations Children's Fund, tomorrow night at Sotheby's, New Bond Street. The doodles shown here, clockwise from the top left, are by Roger Moore, Joan Collins, Sir John Gielgud and Rolf Harris. Among others whose contributions will be offered for sale are Sir Peter Ustinov, Paddy Ashdown, Emma Thompson, Jack Nicholson, Paloma Picasso and Liam Neeson

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Basic Skills Agency, will pre-side at the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) research eminar at Commonwealth House at 10.30; and, as Patron of the British School of Osteopathy, will attend the graduation and prize giving ceremony at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 3.00.

Baron Chadlington

The life barony conferred upon Mr Peter Selwyn Gummer has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Chadlington, of Dean in the County of Oxford-

Receptions

The Royal Fine Art Commiss Lord St John of Fawsley was the host at a reception held at 7 St James's Square on Tuesday, October 29, to mark the launch of the Commission's Annual Report by Sir Howard Hodgkin. Among those present were members of the Diplomatic Corps and both Houses of Parliament

Industrial Tribunals Mr Geoffrey Heggs, Regional Chairman of the London North region of the Industrial Tribunals, gave a reception last night at Middle Temple Hall for members of the Judiciary, invited guests. chairmen and members of the London North region of the tribunals to mark the retirement of Mrs Barbara Calvert, QC, as

Birthdays today

BIRTHS

STALKER - In The Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, on October 24th 1996, to Anthony and Patey (nee Watters), a daughter, Sasha Louise, a sister for Sophie.

THOMPSON - On Cetabor 28th

1996, to Kay (not Bedmayne) and Andrew, son, Jake Alexander.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HUNT - (Frank). Shirley, Kary, Bill and Lucy, wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends,

to all relatives, friends, neighbours, colleagues and associates, for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and letters of condolence and floral tributes received at this very sad time. Our heartfelt thanks are also enumerate to the Doctors and Staff at Clitheroe Community Hospital for their care and support, and also to the Doctors and Staff at The East Lancashire Hospice for the love, care and support given to Frank and ourselves over the past days. Special thanks also to Rev. J. Hartley for his kind words, prayers and comforting ministrations, and to all who attended the luneral service.

BARLEY - Rev. Percy Francis at St Helier's Hospital, Carshalton, on October 21st aged 86 years. May he rest in peace.

peace.
CARRICK SMITH - Lindsey
Eleanor peacefully at home
on Saturday 26th October.
Widow of Alan, nother of
Emma and grandmother to
Edward and Eupert. A
Service of Thanksgiving will
be held at Flagringhoe
Church on Thursday
November 7th at 11 am. No
flowers at her request but

November 7th at 11 am. No flowers at her request but donations if desired to Pegasus Bed Fund clo Runnaholl Francial Services, 41 Manual Rood, Calchester

Eseau.

CHRISTIE - Alice Seaton peacefully on October 28th in Harrogate General Hospiral aged 87 years, wife of the late William, dearly losed mother of Rotan and Rosalind. Service at St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate, on Friday November 1st of 3ym. Family flowers only. Donations in them to Canare Research, 39 East Parade, Harrogate, HGI 5LO.

DEATES

Mr Walter Boreham, Chief Constable, Ministry of Defence Police, 56: Sir Charles Brett, former chairman, International Fund for Ireland, 68; Lord Chilver, FRS, 70; Sir Robert Clayton, electrical engineer, 8i; Mr Stephen Day, MP, 48; Sir Robert Easton, former chairman. Yarrow Shipbullders, 74; Sir Christopher Foster, economist, bó; Sir Sydney Giffard, diplomat. 70: Viscount Green-

wood, 82; Mr Justice Higgins, 52; Mr J.S. McGregor, former chair-man, Honeywell, 69; Lord Robert-son, 84; Sir William Shelton. former M.P., 67: Miss Juliet Steven son, actress, 40: Lieutenant-Generai Sir Richard Swinburn, 59; Admiral Sir Gordon Talt 75: Sir David Wilson, FBA, former director, British Museum, 65; Mr Michael Winner, film producer and director, 61.

DEATHS

CORNELIUS-REID - On October 28th pascefully at his home in Cholderton John. Dear husband of Mary and very dear Ded to Ru, David and Nems. Funeral Service at Amenbury Abbey Chunch on Friday November 1st at 2ppi.

DREW - On October 26th, 1996, peacefully at home, Beatrice Susannah aged 90 years, of Roos Lench, Wores. Enquiries regarding funeral arrangements to Philip Tomlins. Tel: (01386) 765133.

EVELEIGH - On October 24th, O.J. "Jim" Evelsigh O.B.E., IP, aged 87 years of Clyst St Mary, Exeter. Enquiries to Mitchell Funeral Services, tel: (01392) 272-682.

PFORDE - On October 26th

FFORDE - On October 26th tragically in a car accident, Jane (noe Hynes), beloved wife of John, dearly loved mother of William, Carolina, Diana and James, and devoted grandmother of nias grandchildren. Funeral Service at St. Michael and All Angels, Thurslay, on Wednesday November 6th at 11.30 am followed by private service at Golddon Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations in Ilen, if desired, to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Fund co Kobert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY.

GOSS - Mick Goss, In a tragic accident on 22nd October. Dearly loved husband of Jamine, devoted father of James and Toby. Loving son of Alastair and Janet and brother of David, Will be sadly missed. Funeral

brother of David, Will be sadly missed. Funezal Service at Wilton Parish Church at moon on Friday 1st November. Family and close friends only at Tidworth Military Cometery. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Children in Crisis c/o Chris White Funezal Directors, 12 South Street, Wilton, Salisbury.

MARDREG - Matthew, aged 42, of Ditching, Sussex, on October 22nd, tradically in an accident Lowel husband of Ruth and father of Hannah, Luke, Partick and Joel Funeral for family and friends only. Memorial service to be announced later.

Luncheons

Canada-UK Chamber

The Canadian High Commit sioner was the guest of honour and speaker at a huncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held vesterday at the Waldorf Meridien. Mr John dept of the Bridgeman, vice-presi chamber, presided. Lord Shaughnessy and the Agents General for British Columbia and Quebec were among those present.

The Times Pensioners The Hon Hugh Astor was the guest of honour at a luncheon of The Times Pensioners held yes-terday at the United Oxford and idge University Those present were:

Miss Margaret Allen, Mr Miss Margaret Allen, Mr J D
Bishop, Mr George Clark, Mr W M
Clarke, Mr Richard Davy, Mr
Frank Eggleston, Mr Fred Emery,
Mr Peter Evans, Mr W J H Evans,
Mr Owen Hickey, Mr E C
Hodgkin, Mr Walter James, Miss
Enid Knowles, Mr Jack Lonsdale,
Mr Iverach McDonald, Mr Leon
Pilpel, Mr Dennis Robertshaw,
Mr Stanley Robinson, Mr Peter
Ryde, Mr Henry Stanhope, Miss
Philippa Toomey, Mr Colin
Watson, Mr Colin Webb, Mr
Richard Wigh, Mr Alan Wood and
Mr Geoffrey Woolley.

Newspaper Society
The Newspaper Society gave an
Advertising Law Group huncheon
yesterday at Bloomsbury House in
honour of Mr Nigel Griffiths.
Opposition Front Bench Spokesman on Consumer Affairs.

Stephanie and much loved father of Juliet, Adele, Donaid and Alex; grandfather and greatgrandfather. Funeral on Saturday 2nd November at 2.30 pm at 8t Mary Magdalene Church, Cowden, nr. Edenbridge. Family Movers only. Denatems in memory if desired, to the Salvation Army of S. Smith & Son, 127 Lingfield Road, Managade Lest monthal Service in London to be announced.

amnounced.

HARPEN - On 28th October 1996 after a long illness counseously borne, Peter Philip Dudley, devoted husband of the lane Joyce, dearly loved and toving inthe two winds and observand doting grandfather to Jocasta, Natasha and Talbulah Service at Church, SW14, on Monday 4th November at 1 pm followed by cremation at Putney Vale Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, SW15 at 215 pm. No Joyce The Commission of the Commission of the Swife o

876-4673.

HARRISON - Feacefully on October 25th 1996 at Brooklands Nursing Home, Saundersfoot, in her 89th year, Elizabeth Vida Harrison. She was predeceased by her beloved numbed with all Harrison MER, MA, FSA, in May 1992 and is survived by her loving children licenda Aces and John and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren Aprivate funeral survice will be held on October 31st. Immediate funeral survice will be held on October 31st. Immediate funeral survice will be with the survice will be with the survice will be survice will be survice will be survice will the survice will be survice will be survice will be survice will the survice will be survice wille

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Dinners

Glass Sellers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual ladies' dinner of the Glass Sellers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr John G. Thorpe, Master, presided.

During the evening, the Lord Mayor presented the Glass Sellers Award (Art and Craft), 1996 to Miss Gall Gill and the Glass Sellers' Student Award (Art and Craft) 1996 to Miss Belinda Hornsey. The Master and Mistress Cutler in Hallamshire were among those present.

Royal College of Physicians Sir William Asscher, President of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine of the Royal College of

Asscher were the hosts at the annual faculty dinner held last night at the college. Dr Alexander Macara, Chairman of Council, British Medical Association, was the guest of honour and speaker. Earlier, Sir David Jack, FRS, and Sir John Vane, FRS, Nobel Laureate, were awarded honorary fellowships at the annual meeting

Appointment

Lord Howe of Aberavon, CH, QC, has been elected President of the Academy of Experts in succession to Lord Slynn of Hadley.

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BIRTHS: John Adams, 2nd American President 1797-1801, Quincy, Massachusetts, 1735; Richard Prinsley Sheridan, dramatist and politician, Dublin, 1751; Ezra Pound, poet, Hailey, Idaho, 1885; Peter Warlock (Philip Heseldne), composer, London, 1894.

DEATHS: Edmund Cartwright, inventor of the power loom, Hastings, 1823; John Chubb, safe maker, London, 1872; Jean Henri Dunant, founder of the Inter-national Red Cross, Helden, Switzerland, 1910; Andrew Bonar Law, Prime Minister 1922-23, London, 1923; Sir Barnes Wallis,

The Yeomen of the Guard was founded by King Henry VII., 1485. A Fascist government led by Mussolini was formed in Rome,

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On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Company, the Chairman and Directors of Austin Knight Limited are pleased to host a Reception and Dinner Dance in aid of The British Red Cross at the Dorchester hotel this evening, October 30, 1996.

Keating Lecture

The Right Hon Sir Michael Kerr, former Lord Justice of Appeal delivered the first Keating Lecture "Concord and Conflict in International Arbitration" at Kings College, Strand, on October 29. The lecture was organised by his former Chambers in memory of the late Donald Kearing, QC, (1924-1995). Those attending inctuded Lord Golf of Chieveley and other members of the House of Lords Judicial Committee; Lord Justice Saville and other members

of the Court of Appeal; Mr Justice Coloran, Mr Justice Mance and other members of the Commercial Court; Mr Justice May and Mr Justice Newberger and other judges of the High Court; and Judges Thornson, Lloyd and other judges of the Official Refereer Division of the High Court.

Heads of Chambers attending included Mr Anthony Butcher, OC. Mr Kenneth Rokison, OC. and Mr Gordon Pollock, QC. Mr John Bishop, Senior Partner Ma-sons, Miss Madeleine May, CBE, LCIA. and many former col-leagues, friends and members of Chambers also attended. Mrs Rosamond Keating was accompa-nied by Mr Giles and Mr Roland keating. Professor John Uff. QC, head of keating Chambers, took the chair. The vote of thanks was delivered by Mr Martin Collins. QC.

Funeral

Sir Nigel Fisher aker attended the funeral of Sir Nigel Fisher, former MP. held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated. The Rev Roger Holloway, Priest Vicar, and Sir Michael Grylls, MP, stepsonin-law, led the prayers. Mr Crispin Hunt and Mr Rhydian Fisher, grandsons, read the lessons. Lord

grandsons, read the lessons. Lard Gilmour of Craigmillar, Mr Tony Benn, MP, and Mr Mark Fisher, MP, son, paid tribute. During the service Miss Fran-cesca Hunt and Miss India Fisher, granddaughters, sang God, their madest earth and heaven. Last Post and Reveille

sounded by a bugler of the First Battalion, Welsh Guards. The Chairman of the Conservative Party was represented by Mrs Angela Rumbold, MP. Among

others present were (sisted). Mrs Malcolm McKenzie (sisted). Mrs Mark Fisher (daughter-in-law). Mr and Mrs James Fawcett and Mr Frien Muchell (grandchildren), Lady Grylls (stepdaughter), Brigader and Mrs Lindrew Myrtie (stepson-in-law and stepdaughter). Miss Ernma Myrtie (step grandchildren), Mr and Myrtie (step grandchildren), Mr and Myrtie (step grandchildren). Mr and Mrs and stepdaughter, Miss Emma Myrite (spep granddaughter), Mr and Mrs Gervage Button. Mr and Mrs Charles' de Selincount, Mr James Shakespeare, Mr Matthew Button, Miss Caragh Buston, Mr Andrew de Steincourt. Mr Christopher de

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istry (Winderster).
The Rev Jeremy Anderson, Evangelism Enabler, Reading Deanery (Oxford): 10 be Vicar, Christ Church, Epson (Guildford).

The Rev Bonita Appleton, Assistant Curate, St Paul, Camberley: to be Team Vicar, Southwood, Cove

(Guildford).
The Rev Jane Austin, Curate, St.
Peter and St. Paul, Toubridge
(Rochester): to be also an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral The Rev Elizabeth Baxter, pari-time Assistant Curate, Topciffic to be part-time Assistant Curate, Thirsk Team Ministry, and contime as Co-Director of the North of England Healing Trust, Holy Rood House, Sowerby (York).

Resignations and retires The Rev Dennis Lumb, Vicar, Saltfleethy, Skidbrooke w Saltfleet Haven, Theddlethorpe (Lincoln): to retire October 31.
The Rev John Pilkington, Vicar, Darlington St Mark w. St. Paul (Durham): to retire March 15, 1997. The Rev Allen Ricketts, Rector, St

Upton Bishop, and St. John the Baptist, Asnon Ingham (Hereford): to resign in November. The Rev., Ian Slater, Record, The Rev., pm Stater, Recom, Bassingham; Aubourn w Had-dington, Carlton-le-Moriand w Stapleford, Thuriby w Norton Disney (Lincoln): retired October I. The Rev Thomas Taylor, Vicar, Walton-le-Dale w Salmesbury, Presson (Biackburn): to resign Canon Ralph Wheaton, Vicer, Blyth and Scotton w Osberton (Southwell): to retire October 31.

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Major and Mrs Logan Flunter, of Brockweir, Chepstow, and Louisa, younger daughter of Mr Richard Campbell-Jackson, of Battersea, London, and Mrs Tim Herbert, of Corwen, Denbighshire. Mr G.P. Jones and Miss R.M. Pretorius

the engagement is announced between Gregory, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Jones, of Barnehurst, Kent, and Rosali, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephan Pretorius, of Johannesburg, South Africa. Mr R.M.U. Lambert and Miss S.dP. Kelley

The engagement is announced between Roger Mark Uvedale, younger son of Mr and Mrs Henry Lambert, of Lowton Manor, Taunton, Somerset, and Serena del Punta, eider daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Kelley, of Sloane Street, London, SWI. Mr M.P. Silcock

and Miss K.J. Hancock The engagement is announced between Michael, third son of Mr and Mrs John Silcock, of Reigate, Surrey, and Karen, eldest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Hancock, of Scurborough, North Yorkshire.

Mr C.J. Ward and Mim D.A. Holder The engagement is announced between Christian John, son of Peter Ward, of Stammore, and Carol Ward, of Uxbridge, and Deborah Ann, daughter of Jo

Holden, of Liverpool, and Irean Edwards, of Flint, North Wales. Marriage

Mr R.J. System and Miss S.L. Pooley The marriage took place on Sat-triday, October 19, in Shropshire, between Rupert Symes and Sarah Pooley. The couple will be living in

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daughter, granddaughter,
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BIRCH - On October 27th 1996, to Anna (née Blagden) and Toby, 3 son, George Henry Blagden, a brother for Sophie and Harriet.

DOYLE - On October 16th at The Portland Bospital, to busen and Carlo, a pontrial daughter, Louisa, a sister for families.

FORRES - On October 25th 1996, to Sacha (nee Denison-Pender) and Jonathan, a son, Jack

GRIDEG - On October 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Evolina (nee Capomolla) and Richard, a beautiful

HORGOOV - On October 27th 1996 at The Portland Hospital In London to Tryetolina (noe Belinska) and Gueorgui, a son, Nikolai

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October at The Portland Hospital, a beautiful brother for Jake and another wonderful son for his parents Leigh and Jaremy.

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KAMANE - On October 27th, Maria, and El year. More loved wife of the late Dr. Robert Kahane, dearest mother of Elchard and Gillian, loving grandmother of Edward, Charles, James, Neven and Abrala Pumeni Service at St Many's Church, Charlton Kings, Cheltonham at 11.45 am on Monday November 4th followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

LYMCH-Amthony Iver Hostage DFC suddenly, at home, aged 84 on October 25th, husband of Alison and father of Jerus Committee at King's Lynn October 30th 4 pm. Fatter memorial

Gilling West, Richmond, Merch Foricales, Loften and S2 years, former Director of Whessoe. Darlington, baloved husband of the late Ann and dearly loved father of Andrew and Chine and a loving grandiather. Fusemi Friday Rovenber 1st. Friends please meet for service in St. Agathan Church, Gilling West, Richmond, North Yorkshire, at 10.45 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations it desired may be sent for the RSPA or the World Wildlife Fund, of Seaton Leng & Son Ltd., Bondgate, Darlington, DR3 7JR.

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SISMAN - David, aged 76, died pacefully on 24th October 1996 after a long illness. Private inneual, no flowers but any donations to the Royal Stark Garter Home for David Sallers, Soldiers and Airmen, Richmond. Mamorial service to be held at \$1 James' Church, Pincadilly, an Sunday 1st December 1996 at 3 pm.

ROAF - Dougles, on 27th October, peacefully in the Endeliffe Infirmary, Oxford, upod 85 years. Physicist and Inminima Studies of Christina, dear father of Datted, Ender Indian Indiana Indian

SPHLANE - Howard Cuy on October 27th aged 84 years, daming breed braband, defin-and grandfather. Private cremation. Thanksgiving cremation, Inanksgiving Service on Saturday Kovember 9th at 2.30 pm at Coddington Parish Church, near Colwall, Words, Benations if desired to Helen Boues (Childron's Hospice), 37 Leopold Street, Oxford OM4 107.

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Baldwin, aged 32 on 11th
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STERN - Peacafully at home on October 27th, Walter Marcal aged 84 formerly of LSE. Rusband of Andrey, father of Erica and Jonathan. The funeral will be held on Tuesday November 5th, at 2pm at Golders Green Compatorium, West Chapel. No flowers, donations to Furhinsons Disease Society.

Tyminerros - Cheely Ellott (Tolley), lately of Gillingham, Donset, died on 23nd October at Elliscombe House, Wincaston, Somenset, Private cremetion has taken place.

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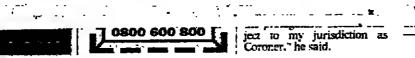
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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL DAVID MILLER

Major-General David Miller, CB, CBE, MC. Chief of Staff, "Live Oak", at SHAPE, 1984-86, died of cancer on October 6 aged 65. He was born on August 17, 1931.

avid Miller was a byword for bravery among the infantry soldiers he led as a junior officer in the 1950s and 1960s. In 1967 he won an MC in Aden for the verve and tactical skill with which he led his company during a desperate situation which arose in the days leading up to British withdrawal. He later showed the same qualities as a battalion commander in Northern Ireland. and as Commander of the Ulster Defence Regiment. Finally, his precision of mind came strongly into play as a senior staff officer during the closing years of the Cold War.

Commissioned into the Border Regiment in 1951, David Eden Miller sailed with the 1st Battalion to Egypt in HMS Illustrious during the emer-gency reinforcement of the Canal Zone after King Farouk had abrogated the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty. He cut his military teeth on patrol operations around Suez.

After this he served in intelligence in Berlin before being seconded to the Nigerian military forces after the country's independence in 1960. Subsequently passing through the Staff College, he went as GSO2 (Training) to

By 1967 he was back with his battalion as commander of C Company. He and his men were to write two footnotes to the history of the 1967 withdrawal from Aden. On June 20 C Company was "stand-by force" in Radfan Camp on the isthmus when Arab soldiers of the Federal Army mutinied in the nearby Champion Lines and besieged their British

At the request of the Federal Government, Miller was ordered to secure the officers' safety. He set off with a small party in an armoured vehicle to try to contact them and make a plan for their relief. But the situation suddenly worsened and his company



was ordered forward in unarmoured trucks. One was hit by automatic fire, which killed one and wounded eight of his men. Undeterred, he dismounted and led the assault on the barracks. The sudden appearance of British troops within the camp quickly restored order and enabled him to secure the armoury and rescue the officers without further bloodshed.

Miller was awarded an MC for his handling of the situa-

. He wrote the second footnote in November 1967 when his C Company covered the final withdrawal from Aden, and were the last troops to leave. They were flown off in Wessex helicopters onto the

Peter Aldersley, actor and

disc jockey, died on

October 10 aged 72. He

was born on May 4, 1924.

PETER ALDERSLEY was an

eccentric but genial figure who

might almost have stepped out

of the pages of a P. G. Wode-

house novel. Although as an

actor he never rose to fame, he

was known throughout the

world of British theatre as the

secretary of both the Green

Room and Savile clubs. His

enormous enthusiasm shat-

aircraft carrier Albion, before being shipped to rejoin their battalion at Bahrain. The C-in-C. Admiral Sir Michael Le Fanu, sent Miller a note written at sea: "It has been very agreeable to have your Charlie Company round my location. They have struck me as a very cheerful, on the ball and smart outfit . . . "

Attending the Joint Services Staff College at Latimer in 1970 gave him a short break from active operations before being posted to command his battalion in Belfast in February 1971. The Province was faced with the IRA's concerted offensive against the Army, the troubles caused by the introduction of internment without trial, the start of the

tered preconceptions of musty.

clubland as he welcomed

members at the door, buying

them drinks and entertaining

them with conversation

Although there were no

theatrical connections in Peter

Aldersley's family, it was the-

atre and particularly music hall that became his first love.

As a boy growing up in Hampstead he would often

spend what little pocket

money he had going to the

West End to see such luminar-

through the evening.

PETER ALDERSLEY

terrorist use of car bombs, the reactions to "Bloody Sunday" and "Bloody Friday" and the establishment of "no-go" areas in Belfast and Londonderry. He himself was lucky to survive when an IRA bomb exploded under his Land Rover.

During his tour he led his battalion, mounted in armoured Saracens and supported by tank dozers, during Operation Motorman to break open the no-go areas. His Londonderry. The operation proved too large be kept secret, and so his 600 Cumbrian soldiers were barely opposed. The hard men of the IRA had withdrawn across the Foyle before the battalion swept

ies of the day as Gracie Fields.

Max Miller, Douglas Byng

chances as a repertory actor.

joining Tod Slaughter, the

master of grand guignol, in

touring productions of Sweeney Todd and Maria Marten,

or The Murder in the Red

Barn, staged in small provin-

cial theatres and in local

Aldersley acted in repertory.

playing in such diverse places

In the 1940s and 1950s

In the 1930s he tried his

and Noël Coward.

church halls.

through the barricades cleared by the tank dozers. He was appointed OBE in June 1973.

He returned to England as a senior member of the directing staff at Latimer, by then renamed the National Defence College. There, among other things, he experienced the IRA bomb attack on the college. Then the Cold War began to bulk large in his career. He was posted as Colonel General Staff in the Ministry of Defence branch responsible for monitoring Warsaw Pact ac-tivities, and for Nato and BAOR counter-measures. In March 1978 he returned

to Belfast as Commander of the Ulster Defence Regiment which was being greatly expanded and given wider responsibilities throughout the Province. The situation was less tense than in 1972, but there were still atrocities, such as the killing of 18 soldiers at Warrenpoint and the murder of Earl Mountbatten in August 1979. His tenure in command will be remembered for his efforts to encourage the female members of the regiment, the "Greenfinches", and to give them wider operational responsibilities. It was largely due to Miller's efforts that they became an integral part of the new Royal Irish Regiment. Advanced to CBE for his

services with the UDR, the Cold War phase of his career started in earnest in 1980 when he was appointed Brigadier General Staff in HQ BAOR. Four years later he was given the semi-diplomatic post of Chief of Staff and Head of the UK Delegation to "Live Oak", the four-cornered British. American, French and German Berlin contingency planning staff in the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. "Live Oak" was responsible for ensuring the Allies' continued freedom of access to Berlin.

Retiring from the Army in 1986, he was appointed CB and became Colonel of the magistrate and a member of the board of visitors at the nearby prison.

in 1958 he met Mary Lamley Fisher. They had two sons, who, with his wife, survive

as Gravesend and Lincoln.

For a while he was an actor

and director at the Birming-

ham Repertory Theatre and at

But in the 1960s he suddenly

the Wolverhampton Grand.

changed his career, becoming

a disc jockey on Radio Luxem-

bourg. His relaxed style on air

was to be the forerunner of

that later adopted by BBC

Radio 2 in the 1970s and 1980s.

His chirpily jovial show, in-

cluding music-hall songs and

variety sketches, mingled with

singles from the current hit

parades, was to prove one of

the station's most popular

attractions and Aldersley re-

ceived an ample mail bag each

week, mainly from admiring

A chance programme that

he devised in the 1960s about

Elvis Presley brought yet another turn in his career.

when he was invited by Presley to visit him at his

home in Gracelands in America. The two men got on well

and Presley cast him in a small part in the film Elvis.

That's The Way It Is in 1970.

1952, later became the honorary secretary and then in 1991 was elected chairman. He also edited the club's magazine.

In 1976 he became the secretary of the Savile Club,

where his old-style manners and respect for the members

made him extremely popular. He retired through ill-health

Peter Aldersley was un-

But it was in the world of heatre clubland that Aldersley was in his element. He joined the Green Room in

housewives.

SIR PATRICK BROWNE

Sir Patrick Browne, PC. OBE former Lord Justice of Appeal and High Court Judge, died on Öctober I aged 89. He was born on May 28. 1907.

PATRICK BROWNE was a Lord Justice of Appeal from 1974 until his retirement in 1980, crowning a most distinguished career both at the Bar and on the Bench. His appointment to the Court of Appeal followed nine years as a judge of the High Court of Justice. Queen's Bench Division. His work as a High Court judge involved frequent (and, in thuse days, lengthy) spells sitting on circuit, mainly trying criminal cases. On his retirement he recalled those days with pleasure, but It was no secret that he felt happier

trying civil cases. One outstanding example of his judgments in the civil field in 1966 was in the leading case of Anisminic v Foreign Comnensation Commission, which concerned compensation for English owners of foreign property in Egypt following the Suez episode. The case raised a critical point as to the powers of the court to investigate the scope of the Commission's jurisdiction, and his hitherto unreported judgment in the plaintiff's favour was. probably uniquely, annexed to the official Law Report of the case in the House of Lords. where it was restored after it had been reversed in the Court

Patrick Reginald Evelyn Browne was the elder son of Professor Edward Browne, a distinguished Oriental scholar and Professor of Arabic at

Joe Sime, Flat race

jockey, died on October

aged 73. He was born

Cambridge. He was educated at Eton and Pembroke College. Cambridge, of which he was elected an Honorary Fellow in 1975. He served in the Royal Horse Artillery during the Second World War, becoming a GSOI in the War Office with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and being appointed OBE (mil.) in 1945. He had been called to the

Bar by the Inner Temple in



1931, and took silk in 1960. He built up a large and successful practice, specialising mainly in rating, planning and parliamentary work, which became an important and rapidly expanding area of practice in the years following the war.

Patrick Browne was a man of tremendous personal integrity, with a charmingly modest and self-effacing manner. As a judge he was conscientious almost to a fault, but extremely fair and courteous to all who appeared before him, whether as counsel or as witnesses.

His judgments frequently

demonstrated his dedication and his learning, for example in the case of Bank Russo-Iran v Gordon Woodroffe & Co, when, as the trial judge, he resolved (no doubt with a feeling of filial piety) a number of intricate issues of Persian law. At the very end of his judgment of more than 200 pages, all of which up to then had gone in the bank's favour. he decided the last of the issues against it, with the result that it lost. Such was his anxiety, however, that he went out of his way to encourage the bank's leading counsel to ap-peal: but, to his disappointment the Russians felt a little

legal process, and declined to carry the case any further. This great sense of modesty never deserted him. Shortly before his retirement, he sat in the Court of Appeal in an important and complex patent case concerning penicillin, where he was in the unfortunate position of holding the ring when his two Chancery colleagues disagreed in lengthy judgments. His pithy judgment, occupying but one page, began characteristically with the words: "I find myself, whose knowledge and experience in this field of law is minimal, in the unhappy pos-

disillusioned with the English

voice between the experts." He loved the Inner Temple. where he became a Bencher in 1962, and was in turn greatly loved by his fellow Benchers and other colleagues in the

ition of having the deciding

His first wife died in 1906. His second wife, Lena, together with his two daughters by his first marriage, survive

particular target was the Cath-Border Regiment. Settling in North Devon, he became a olic Creggan housing estate in

on July 27, 1923. JOE SIME was one of the most successful northern jockeys during the 20 years after

of Appeal.

the Second World War. As a man able to ride at a boy's weight, he was in widespread demand for the important handicaps, especially by gambling stables. Exceptionally strong for his weight, he was a subtle ractician and an astute judge of pace. Perhaps the best race he ever rode was in the Yorkshire Cup in 1957, when he made all the running on the rank outsider Souverlone and beat the classic colt Hornbeam at the end of two miles.

For many years Sime enjoyed a successful association with Sam Hall, the rotund and jovial trainer from Middleham. For him he rode, most notably. Morecambe, one of the outstanding staying handicappers of his era, and won the Ebor Handicap at York in 1957 and the Cesarewitch at Newmarket the next year.

Joseph Francis Sime was born in Liverpool. He was the son of a painter at the local docks and as a young boy his ambition was to be a footballer, but, too small in stature to ichieve this, he went instead. at the age of 14, to Newmarket to be apprenticed to Dawson

JOE SIME

Lodge stables. His talent soon emerged when he won on Firle, his first mount in public, at Newmarket in 1941.

With the retirement of Waugh at the end of 1942, Sime completed his apprenticeship with Waugh's neph-ew, Jack, at the Heath House stables, also at Newmarket. He obtained his first important success on Mad Carew in a substitute Manchester November Handicap at Pontefract in 1943.

Champion apprentice in 1943, 1944 and 1946 he went on to win the 1947 Ebor Handicap on Procne trained by Captain Charles Elsey. Twelve months later he won the race again on Donino.

In 1948 he gained his first success at Royal Ascot, when riding Lake Placid in the King George V Handicap, Other successes at the Royal meeting included the three-year-old. Helioscope, in the 1949 Hardwicke Stakes and the Wokingham Stakes on Light Harvest

Sime obtained one of his most important successes on the good class sprinter, Chris, in the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot in 1959. Chris was trained by the former jockey, Willie Nevett, Sime's prede cessor as Cock o'the North (the leading northern jockey). Sime also won the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot on Lucky Guy in 1959. In 1962 Sime made another

impact on Royal Ascot by winning the Royal Hunt Cup on Smartie and the Oueen's Vase on Pavot, trained by Paddy Prendergast in Ireland. Later he enjoyed further significant success on Irish horses, winning his fourth Ebor Handicap on Partholon in 1963 and another Queen's Vase on Beddard, saddled by Stuart Murless, in 1965. A second success in the

Cesarewitch materialised when Sime mde Utrillo for Captain Ryan Price's powerful Findon stable in 1963. Two years later he won the Cesarewitch for a third time on Mintmaster.

Sime enjoyed his best season when riding 108 winners. and finishing fourth to Lester Piggott in the jockeys' list in 1960. He retired in 1968.

One of the few jockeys who smoked a pipe, Sime was a modest and friendly man, who was popular among the racing community, as well as in Doncaster where he made his home. After retirement from racing he worked as a journalist for The People and ran a newsagents near the race-

He is survived by his wife Joan, whom he married in 1946, and by their two sons and daughter.

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in 1991

married.

Even with the experience of Pendennis and Vanny Fair upon him. Thackeray had found it no easy task to throw his mind back 150 years and tell

ON THIS DAY

October 30, 1952 **地**加斯 和城

W.M. Thackeray was a successful novelist and also a lecturer popular both in Britain and the United States. On the tour described here, he was said to have earned £2.500.

his story as though written by one who had actually fived in the time of Queen Anne, correct in all historical detail, and told in the language of that day. He was saturated with the life of that period, and had even contemplated seriously a history of Queen Anne's reign, destined to be, he once said, his greatest work. But money had to be made, and he had undertaken a keture tour — an hour's reading was often as profitable as a fortnight's work, he had found — and he had resolutely decided to "invest all the winnings for my two girls and their poor tafflicted) mother. In order to this end I must work as if nothing had happened and am under stringent engagements to write a novel, which will come out as I sail for America Now to do this I must have my own way.

my own lodgings, factorum, liberty, cigar after breakfast, &c., without all of which I can't work." The book was actually finished on Saurday, May 23, when Thackerny gave a dinner party to his friends to celebrate the occasion

The statement about his own kidgings, fac-totum, liberty, and eight must be taken with a grain of the salt of facetousness, for his home in Young Street (still standing) was in the painted hands, and some part at least of Esmond had be written at the Athenueum, where he had the special use of a side room of the library, and more. by the kindness of Sir Anthony Panizzi, in a room at the British Museum where he could carry out

at the British Museum where he could carry out historical research. The author, who later was to spend hours in determining the shade of Washington's breeches, was not likely to leave anything necessary to complete the picture of Esmond to his imagination.

It is far from the truth that Esmond, in the words of an unfriendly contemporary critic, "feil still-born from the press." The sile was so much greater than expected that the publishers sent the author a cheque for £250 in addition to the £1,000 originally agreed upon. Thackeray's own view of the book can be judged from his remark to 17. the book can be judged from his remark to 1 T. Fields, the American publisher, who had met him with the three volumes of Esmand under his arm "Here is the very best I can do," exclaimed Thackeray, "and I am carrying it to Prescon as a reward of merit for having given me my first dinner in America. I stand by this book, and am willing to leave it, where I go, as my card "



THE PUBLICATION OF "ESMOND" THACKERAY'S AMERICAN VISITING CARD

It is the morning of October 20, 1882, on the Liverpool Pier. A giant figure of a man, white-haired and aged beyond his forty-odd years, is waiting there impotiently. The ship in which he is about to sail for Boston is ready to quit her moorings. He is equipped for all that he will require on the lecture tour on which he is embarking—the dispatch box from his publisher, the lifebelt from his mother (which he has solemnly promised not to leave behind), but there is one thing he desires above all others, a copy of his latest novel. Disappointed by its absence, he is stepping reluctantly aboard the good ship Canada, when a messenger arrives with letters from his publisher and the first capy of The History of Henry Esmond, Esq. A Colonel in the Service of her Mojesty Q. Annewnitien by himself

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The proofs of Esmond had taken an unornscionable time in correction, for the book had
been printed in an almost obsolete type of the
reign of Queen Anne, of which only a small fount
was available, and the manuscript of the third
volume had been missing at the publishers so long
that Thackers to form the wend have no fellow his that Thackeray feared he would have to delay his departure while he re-wrote it.

Lot of silliness without a circus

BRENDA

MADDOX

It's a free country, but not if you want to tell the truth

Il praise to the Commons Committee on Standards and Privileges. It has decided to let cameras into its cashfor-questions inquiry. Unique among parliamentary committees, it enjoys the option of excluding cameras from public hearings. Wisely it will not exercise it. That's one small step on the road to open government.

Why would such a committee consider shutting its doors to television? To avoid "a media circus", of course, That snappy phrase is often trotted out to justify excluding cameras from hearings like the Scott inquiry where a wider public would like to look in. A sneering reference to the O. J. Simpson trial

usually follows, as if that settles the question. What a laugh. Britain is not California. It does not have palm trees, a violent and armed police force, football players who become actors, or a legal system tuat

tolerates pre-trial publicity, allow-ing lawyers to give daily press conferences. Nor, unlike the United States, does it have a Freedom of Information Act. Suggestions that we should have such an Act are dismissed with warnings of the danger of emulating the legalistic Americans.

Threats of a media circus were widely used in the 1980s to fend off moves to televise Parliament. It would ruin the quality of debate, members would be encouraged to play to the camera.

The media circus did not take place. Since 1986 the full proceedings of both Houses have been televised.

You can watch every golden minute on The Parliamentary Channel, a cable-exclusive channel, which offers the Commons live, delayed broadcasts of the Lords' proceedings the following morning and selections from the parliamentary committees at the weekend. Other broadcasting organisations take bits as suits their needs. notably from Prime Minister's Questions.

The only behaviour modification that television has wrought on MPs has been to get women members into day-glo jackets. If these years have also witnessed a loss of respect for Parilament, not even MPs would blame television as the cause. The cameras show empty chambers because everybody knows that most speeches don't matter.

Yet parliamentary television is duller than it needs to be. The fault lies with the rules enforced to stave off the media circus. No close-ups (the basic technique of film and screen) are allowed. "Reaction" shots are also forbidden. How ironic that the debating chamber which boasts that it is the best in the world and prides itself on the well-honed gibe, will not allow us to see the expression

on the victim's face. All we see is the triumphant attacker. Only wide angle shots of the chamber are allowed. Programme editors are not even permitted to put a circle over the part of the screen which shows, say, a scuffle or a whip forcing a reluctant member through the lobby. Reporters and editors are thereby prevented from doing their job: directing the public to what is

Equally ludicrous is the rule forbidding the use of any of the footage for satiric purposes. Members seem to need assurance that no shots will turn up on the cover of Private Eye or on A Week in Politics. But surely they are at greater risk of looking foolish on the campaign trail, with everything from eggs to to babies being thrust at them unawares, than in the Palace of

Politicians have no business having such thin skins. The time has come for them to repay the responsible coverage television has given Parliament over the past decade by loosening the rules especially the silliest of them

That is the absolute requirement that, if any really untoward event should occur in the chamber - one member knocking another out cold, for example the cameras must go straight to the face of the Speaker and stay

public service. It's censorship. n Liverpool at the weekend to chair a session at the 50th anniversary conference of the Guild of Editors. I found it full of passionate defenders of the press, not only from the nationals but smaller ones with evocative names like the Bury Free

there. Eyes away from the news? That's not

Press and the Shropshire Star.
It was a poor audience before which to call for a new privacy law to restrain the excesses newspapers, but The Independent's columnist Polly Toynbee and libel lawyer Peter Carter-Ruck made such an appeal. They would have had a less hostile reception had they made the case for abortion before a group of Roman Catholic bishops.

If the rest of Europe can have a privacy law, asked Ms Toynbee, why can't we? David Newell, a lawyer and the deputy director of the Newspaper Society, explained: "A privacy law would be introduced into a legal system which lacks protection of freedom of expression. No European country lacks such protection." Amen. A country which neither has a Freedom of Information Act nor a guaranteed right of free speech should be lifting, not piling on, restrictions.

Winner will exercise his mind

AT last, something to distract Michael Winner from the business of persecuting res-taurateurs. The film director and Fleet Street irritant is to join the red braces brigade. He has been signed up by Real Creatives Worldwide to direct television commercials.

"He'd be good at anything action-packed ... you know. like taking Milk Tray into the 21st century or car comme cials," Malcom Rasala, of Real Creatives, says. Mr Winner's own recollections of his previous advertising work are rather more mundane: "I did one in the Fifties for Elizabethan tape recorders. But it's quite correct that I have been signed un to work for this company, Having done fast-paced pictures before, it was thought there might be a good crossover there. I'm happy to do it. It keeps your hand in and exercises the mind."

■ THE more upmarket estate agents in Edinburgh apparently perked up when they heard that the prosperous Andrew Neil had accepted the job of Editor-in-Chief of European Press Holdings, which owns The Scotsman, The European and two other Scottish newspapers.

Would they be able to interest the jet-setting Mr Neil in a charming pied-a-terre in the grand old city?

Unfortunately the Paisley superstar has no plans to lay down property roots in Edinburgh. "I plan to be in Edinburgh two to three days a week, probably flying up on a Sunday night and returning to London on Wednesday," he says. "I shall be staying at the Balmoral hotel."

Thin ice

PAUL Boateng. MP and host of Channel 4's asinine public debate programme. Nothing But the Truth, is stepping into deeply litigious waters to ask his audience to consider the matter of the Prince's former housekeeper. Wendy Berry. Mrs Berry, you will remem-ber, blotted her copybook

when she told all about the breakdown of his marriage in a carefully recorded book, Housekeeper's Diary. A royal legal team gained an injunc-



Boateng: telling the truth

tion which prevented the contents of the book being sold. published or broadcast in the UK. They were unable, however, to stop 90,000 copies being flogged in America. The programme - which is

being recorded on Saturday and is likely to be screened on Sunday - will debate whether it was right that a book of, such huge public interest should have been banned in Britain. Mr Boateng, however, should be aware that the last organisation to publicise the contents of that book was the late Today newspaper which felt the full force of a

Palace writ within an hour of hitting the streets. THOSE hardworking chaps

at World in Action have had enough of seeing their archrivals at Panorama stealing the limelight. Stung by the plaudits the BBC Panorama team received for their world exclusive interview with Di-ana, Princess of Wales, and the moving story of Child B's fight against leukaemia, they have decided to hit back. Stand by for an innovative

new advertising campaign dreamt up by the publicity en at Granada, in Manchester, to accompany a series of hard-hitting World In Action documentaries. "We want to let people know we are still here and it's not just Panorama making good programmes," a source says.

Curdling tales

EASTENDERS scriptwriters are determined not to be outdone by the acres of publicity which followed Brookside's recent incest storyline.

The EastEnders crew are planning an equally racy plot which could see the BBC outtaboo Channel 4 and keep the Broadcasting Standards Council busy for weeks. It. goes like this: Tiffany Raymond, who is pregnant

Tall tale: Tiffany Raymond

with Grant Mitchell's baby. confides to Lorraine Wicks that she's not sure Grant is the father after all. Lorraine tells all, Grant throws Tiffany out and she is forced to seek shelter with her gay brother Simon. Still following? Well, the trouble is that Simon's live in lover is Tony Hills who is not only Tiffany's live-in lover but also the real father of the baby. Hence an instant menage à trois.

There is apparently no truth in the rumour that Coronation Street is planning to introduce Mavis and Derek Wilton to wife-swapping.

Why consumers are switching off

CONSUMERS are going out of their way to avoid advertisements, according to a new study by Lowe Howard-

Spink, Advertising isn't Working.

As much as £465 million spent on television advertising alone in 1995 was wasted because of a phenomenon which has been labelled "advertising and advertising alone in the second spent and the second spent spent and the second spent spe avoidance" by John Lowery, head of

planning at the agency.
Close analysis of the official BARB TV viewing data, as well as extra questions added to the TGI consumer survey, have revealed that 44 per cent of the nation are zapping TV commercials, while 54 per cent of the population could be "avoiding" ads on posters and 56 per cent could be snubbing magazine advertising, he says.

The reason for the phenomenon, according to Mr Lowery, is the decline over the past five years of likeable advertising — likeable being an important factor in the effectiveness of an ad - and the detrimental effect that bad

ADVERTISING::advertising has on other, possibly

good, work. THE 1996 Ariel Awards, the annual event in celebration of excellence in radio advertising, took place last

night at BAFTA in London. While lacking the razzmatazz of other advertising award ceremonies, the occasion was nevertheless well attended by 200 agency creatives. marking how increasingly important creativity is to radio commercials.

Awards were heaped upon the Harry Enfield ads for Dime Bar, which eleverly spoof the worst things about radio commercials — from ghastly jingles to endiess "small print" disclaimers and inanely repeat-

ed phone numbers. The award for the best compaign went deservedly to Saatchi and Saarchi for its strong "Army soldier: be the best" COI/MoD work.

STUART PEARCE, the England and Nottingham Porest defender, seems to be the advertising flavour of the

Having made his commercial debut in an ad for Raleigh bikes, he is now to star in the latest Ford Escort commercial. It plays on his infamous spot-lock miss in the 1990 World Cup semi-final against West Germany. Responding to the "what do you do in yours?" Escort challenge, the ad ends with the line Stuart Pearce misses a penalty in his as it shows him getting a parking ticket from a traffic warden.

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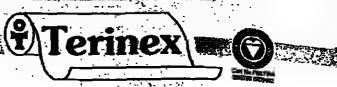
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The Heinz '57 varieties' advertising slogan is 100 years old today and going strong. Alex Benady examines the secret of its appeal

perspective and obsessive pursuit of novelty. Ask an ad man for his definition of a "long time" and he will probably reply "60 seconds" on the grounds that it is twice the length of the average television commercial.

Few advertising ideas last longer than a couple of years. Exceptional campaigns may endure for a decade. Only a handful of the most powerful and relevant slogans have ever

> But today the grandad of all advertising slogans, Heinz's "57 varieties", celebrates its 100th anniversary. As the corporate callsign of the \$9 billion a year Heinz company, it appears on advertising and packaging in 200 different countries and ranks alongside Coca-Cola's "the real thing" as one of the best-known slogans in the world.

survived more than a

It dates from October 30, 1896, when Henry John Heinz, owner of a fast-expanding pickled foods business, was on a train in New York and noticed an advertisement proclaiming "21 styles of shoes". Although Heinz was

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already making more than 60 different lines, his mind kept turning to the number 57 and the phrase "57 varieties". He recorded in his diary: "I

jumped off the train and began the work of laying out my advertising plans. Within a week it was appearing on billboards, signs and anywhere else I could find a place

His short-order working methods contrast with the modern drawn-out creative

DVERTISING is a agony. This seemingly anobusiness notorious dyne phrase rapidly became for its short-term the best-known commercial message in the world.

In the UK it has not ap-peared in advertisements since the Sixties when a television campaign was accompanied by the jingle: "Heinz 57, it's Heinz 57, Heinz has everything you need, Ready when you are, yes indeed, it's

It was subsequently eclipsed



1938 Heinz tin shows the "57" symbol

by "Beanz Meanz Heinz" and in the UK, at least, the oldtimer was retired to the relative peace and quiet of the pack design. Although Heinz today makes more than 4,000 lines worldwide, "57 varieties" survives on active service appearing in campaigns in the United States, Africa and Asia.

The slogan has achieved what all advertising aspires to these days; it has entered the language. "It has become a sumer choice and abundance," said Robert Bailey, Heinz UK marketing director. Examples of its use range from the bingo call "Heinz 57" to the title of Bruce

Springsteen's 1994 song, 57 Channels and Nothing On. The question is: why do some properties, especially when they are as apparently insignificant as "57 varieties", have such resonance and stay-

> Merry Clayton is a anning director of J Walter Thompson, the agency in London with more long-running ad-vertising campaigns than any other. The secret of longevity is to have an idea with a strong theme that can be modified to accommodate new trends," she said.

> She illustrates her argument with the example of the 50-yearold Esso tiger: "It started life as a symbol of power, then in the Eighties became a symbol of green environmentalism, and now it has become a vigilante follower of prices." Andy Bryant, ac-

count director of Heinz advertising agency Bates Dorland, says the durability of *57 the durability of ability to be continually reinterpreted and updated to

suit the times. "In 1896, 57 was a large number and '57 varieties' was an impressive display of manulacturing versatility. During the Great Depression it became a symbol of plenty. During the war it became a symbol of manufacturing power in defiance of German air raids," he said.

And it fits in perfectly with Heinz's communication strate-



The "57" slogan is still a catchy number worldwide. In the Thirties poster above it had become synonymous in the UK with fitness and plenty

in the advertising community by ceasing to advertise individual products and instead put its budget into a single campaign for the Heinz name. "Advertising all the Heinz

varieties had become prohibitively expensive. But we could only adopt this 'umbrella banding' approach because, unlike many other manufacturers' names. Heinz means something to the consumer.

tations is '57 varieties'," Bryant

A 100-year-old advertising slogan may sound like a contradiction in terms but according to Gary chairman Duckworth, Duckworth Finn Grubb Waters, such properties are the ultimate goal of advertising and marketing.

"In an ideal world nearly all campaigns would be longrunning because you get a far exceeds the value of each year's spend," he said. "Longrunning ideas build potency and layers of meaning which

are hard to compete with." In other words, they give a brand financial and emotional protection which rivals find hard to match. Heinz proves

Despite almost suicidal competition from retailers and other manufacturers in recent

it was the Duchess of York

who, on presenting the award

for best drama to The Bill

remarked that she should be

receiving it not giving it. Again, maximum tabloid cov-

me?" In fact, there was an

fore deciding to sneak in to television through the back

door as a secretary, but with

her eye on the main chance. "I

wanted to get into production

and I thought it was the

fastest way in. I never thought

for a moment it would pigeon-

hole me although I can see

now how that might happen."

"It was great. People think

you are invisible when you

The Duchess was very

erage was guaranteed.

enormous cheer."

cases, sales of Heinz beans have increased. We all know the really long-

running advertising campaigns, 99 per cent of the population can complete the 75-year-old line, "Have a break, have a ..." They are deeply embedded in our minds

But if they are so powerful and so valuable, it is puzzling that there are not more of

couple of months after a campaign breaks whether it has lasting qualities or not."

The truth is it is not only advertising that suffers from short-termism, it is increasingly true of nearly all business. so advertising and marketing executives have less and less time to make their mark. Faced with an unsuccessful campaign or slogan, it is (ar better to make an impact by

intimate documentary about

the pop singer Phil Collins, will be screened on television.

But it is the National Tele-

vision Awards which remains

her most important achieve-

simply identifying popular

tastes and packaging the pro-

gramme in a popular.

Sometimes the industry

reelgood way.

s the celebrities pouted, the cameras rolled and the curtain went up for this year's National Television Awards, few of the 3,000 guests at the Royal Albert Hall would have noticed Kim Turberville

She spent most of the gala evening backstage, her party dress hitched above her knees, running from room to room ensuring all was going to a schedule which was entirely-

It was while she was watching the BAFTA awards several years ago that it struck her that the programmes most rewarded were rarely the ones most enjoyed by the masses.

Now the woman, who nine years ago was typing letters as a secretary for Central TV. is the sole owner of the rights to the awards night which this month attracted more than 12 million viewers, managed to persuade the Duchess of York to pop in as the surprise guest and has already got the BBC bidding to broadcast it in 1998. The indisputable success of

the National Television Awards must be perplexing for other more traditional ceremonies, such as BAFTA, which while honouring wor-thy programmes are often accused by the kindest of critics of making dull

Turberville's theory is sim-

Giving the viewers what they want picked up three awards, went show Gas Street. She then

Kim Turberville wanted an awards show for the most popular programmes on television. Interview by Carol Midgley

ple. Bring together all the elebrities from all the most popular programmes for an evening of glitz and you have guaranteed massive

Critics could argue that does not necessarily create interesting or good quality television but Turberville ensured that what the show may have lacked in weight, it made seen anything which excited viewers in terms of glamour for a long time," said Turberville. "We made sure all the celebrities turned up in limousines and that a lot of genuine fans were there. It created a magical atmo-

Uniquely, the winners for Turberville's awards are de-cided by the viewing public. This year 250,000 people cast a vote, one hundred times more than the number of people required for an official opinion poll. "No TV award

show ever reflected popular The Sun, which, as a major sponsor, did have a vested interest. During the awards two-year lifespan (1995 and 1996) the programmes have achieved viewing figures of more than 12 million for each

his year the show's audience share was 48 per cent and, to Turberville's delight, the audience grew every 15 minutes. Next year, although they will be again shown on the ITV network, she will ask the BBC to trail the awards on a public Information basis. "It had occurred to me for a

while that the programmes which people watched most, programmes like Animal Hospital and The Bill, were never rewarded," she said. "I love watching television - I am a great fan of Heartbeat for instance, and I wanted to



Kim Turberville with a National Television Award

focus on the programmes I watched the most." Turberville, who runs her

own television company, Indi-

go, joined up with Grampian

and with its director of programmes George Mitchell.

offered the idea to ITV network and was granted the

The first show was a resounding success not least because of the troubled Michael Barrymore who, having

are a secretary and said anything they liked in front of

me. I got to know all the secrets . I don't think anybody

realised I was so ambitious." She went on to become an assistant producer and a producer working on the daytime

on to steal the show. This year acquired Indigo (a play on the word 'independent' and her favourite colour). Although still single at 37 she protests she is not "a sad. Jonely. workaholic type".

t is hard sometimes but I make sure I have a nervous and sald: 'Do you L very good private life, she says. "I always like to think they are going to boo work long days then have long weekends." Having grown up in Chepstow, Turberville attend-ed Nottingham University be-

The London-based company, which employs just six staff. specialises in one-off documentaries. This Christmas her latest offering, an

can get too wrapped up in itself," she said. "While it is talking about the latest movements at the ITC, it can lose sight of the whole point of television — the viewer at home. I am really lucky because I love these programmes myself. It was just a matter of remembering who the viewer is and what they

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Saturday editions top weekend takings

hen I spoke to Andrew Neil at his packed book launch party in Daphne's restaurant on Monday night, he was as reticent as the parrot on his shoulder (yes, he had a parrot on his shoulder) about his

- But his decision to become Editor-in-Chief of The Scotsman, Scotland on Sunday and The European can be seen as an astute move by the owners. David and Freddie

And I suspect it is good news for the British media, too. For the Barclays are not grev financiers after a peerage and a quick profit. They are genuine newspaper enthusiasts who devour every newspaper every day, who enjoy politics and the com-pany of journalists.

With Neil joining the shrewd Bert Hardy, the former managing director of Associated Newspapers, at the helm of the Barclays media empire stand by for fireworks and acquisitions. The brothers have no new targets in sight, I am told, but with Neil on board they may. he keener to expand.

six months to get Andrew. He's high profile and he's Scottish - we wouldn't dare bring in anyone up here in Edinburgh who wasn't! He will bring us the hands-on editorial expertise necessary to develop our titles. We have to decide what

direction The European should take - and we want to change our Sunday broadsheet review section to a magazine and also improve The Scotsman's Saturday magazine "

Returning to executive centre stage, the former king of the big Sunday newspaper package will note that Satur-day has taken over as the biggest selling day. Several Saturday issues

now outsell their Sunday stablemates. The Daily Mail on Saturday sells 2.7 million to The Mail on Sunday's 2.1 million; the Daily Mirror sells 2.8 million to the Sunday Mirror's 2.45 million; The Sun has caught up with the News of the World at 4.5 million and the daily Express, with 1.4 million, is 200,000 ahead of its sagging Sunday

Part of this shift may be the



thrift. Since 1988, pagination of the dailies has doubled and magazines and supplements have been added to burgeoning Saturday editions. Why then, should a busy reader rush out and buy several Sunday newspapers, too?

There is no doubt that the removal of restrictions on Sunday trading and licensing hours has changed consumer behaviour radically.

I can remember in the Fifties and Sixties when all there was to do on a Sunday was read the newspapers, a time when a three-newspaper household was normal and the News of the World was hidden from the children (a move that ensured it became a sex education manual for

Now we can work, rest and play on the Sabbath, Indeed, as one editor I spoke to Hardy said: It's taken me result of good old British suggested. Saturday may are more expensive but don't reader and in return prom-

have become the day we recover from work, a day for lazing and loating, a day to read fat newspapers. And the deregulation of television listings has a major impact on sales, permitting Saturday papers to give readers weeklong guides.

The Sun, claims that his new 40 tuart Higgins, Editor of his new 48-page television magazine, launched earlier this month, has increased sales by 150,000 copies and The Sun is now frequently outselling the News of the World.

At the Daily Mirror, Editor Piers Morgan emphasises the tremendous value for money Saturday newspapers offer. "We give a 28-page TV guide. 16 pages of sport and the main 36-page newspaper for 30p. The Sunday newspapers offer many extra ingredients." (The Times provides more than 200 pages on Saturdays for 50p.) Nowhere is the battle fiercer than between the middlemarket readers, the Daily

Mail and the daily Express. The Mail outsells the Express on Saturdays by a whopping 1.3 million copies. By being the first tabloid to have a high-quality colour magazine and a new £50,000 scratchcard launched each Saturday. the Mail has surged ahead. Now executives at the Daily Mail have opened a bloody new front in the newsagents'

shops. Three thousand retail-

ers have received a gift box from the Mail labelled "Ex-press Relief". Inside the promotional blurb, circulation director Mike Newman spotlights the cost-saving measures the Express has undertaken recently. He claims that the Sunday Express has ceased to exist as the editorial staffs of the daily and Sunday have been combined to produce a seven-day newspaper. And he asks the retailer to send out eight days' ised to pay £5 for every new Daily Mail order won. After years of being a promotional Cinderella, the

new Express management is fighting back. It is exceeding the Mail's paging and has introduced a 100-page photogravure Saturday magazine on expensive 55-gram paper. For the first time English readers have been able to take

advantage of an Express direct cover price cut. Adopting what Editor Richard Addis calls guerrilla warfare tactics, the Express reduced its price in the London area to 10p for a week. He claims their "underdog pricing" increased sales by 30,000 copies a day but the proof will be in how many are retained at the regular 35p price. One thing looks certain, the

size and value of your newspaper is not going to stop growing. With the price of newsprint dropping and destined to fall even further next year, newspapers are likely to get even fatter. But with a continuing Saturday success story look out for more premium pricing, particularly among the tabloids.

free copies of the Mail to every home-delivered Express Nicholas Lloyd is the former Editor of the Daily Express

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25 A lot of men take retaliation on club (9).

26 Crime - only half of it has a

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NEWS

Major facing revolt over rebuke

■ John Major was facing a revolt by Conservative rightwingers last night after publicly rebuking Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, for her suggestion that schools could bring back the cane.

Several leading backbenchers said that they would back an education Bill amendment to restore corporal punishment in state schools, even though Mrs Shephard told the Commons

Holocaust heritage sold

Records crashed as private collectors, museums and Holocaust survivors bid fiercely for art works that symbolise Austria's neglected Jewish past. The money raised in the auction in Vienna will go mainly to Jewish charities; some will

help non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust... Painful truth Abortion debate The head of Scotland's Roman Catholics will seek a meeting with

Tony Blair to try to darify his position on abortion Page 2 Storms aftermath

Britain was struggling to get back on its feet after hurricane winds that killed five people and left a £150 million trail of destruc-...Page 3

Police redirected

The Chief Inspector of Constabulary has told police to work harder to solve domestic burglaries after figures showed that less than a quarter of break-ins are cleared up...Page 4

Payments on way out Plans to outlaw cheque book journalism and the "widespread mischief" of payments to witnesses were unveiled by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chan-

Regai spiendour You would not mistake the King of Thailand's royal flotilia for the Oxford and Cambridge boat race. but you might reasonably expect

Cleopatra to glide by at any

Bypass delay A decision on the Salisbury bypass has been delayed by the Government in an attempt to avoid a damaging dispute with environmentalists before the gen-

Pain brings out the differences between the sexes but women are not really more stoic than

China's warning

China said foreign countries should not interfere in the trial of Wang Dan, the student leader during the Tiananmen Square demonstrations Page 10

Refugees' despair Weeping from three days without food or water, two Hutu girls

aged about nine found enough reserves of energy to fight over a cob of com..... Democrats concede The Democratic Party capitulat-

ed in the face of a Republican lawsuit and agreed to publish a list of contributors Page 12

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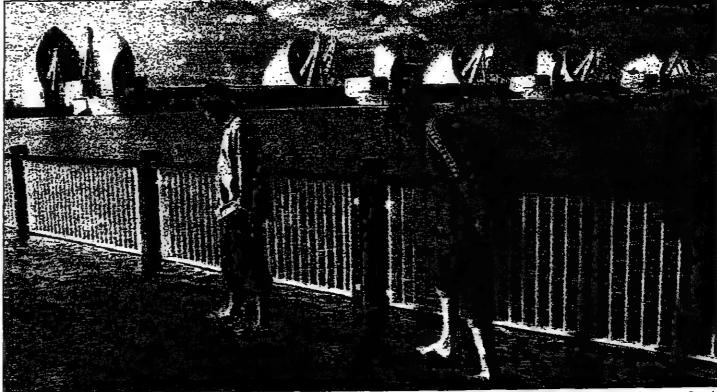
Israeli troops used live ammunition to break up Palestinian rioting after the funeral of an Arab boy allegedly beaten to death by a Jewish settler., Page 14

Monetary union doubt Germany will fail to make the grade for European monetary union according to six leading economic institutes Page 15

..Page 8 Hot favourite wins Booker Prize

Page 7

■ Graham Swift, a novelist who has expressed regret about the "racehorse element" of competitions, won the 1996 Booker Prize. While his novel Last Orders, a story of a bizarre day's outing, was the hot favourite, there had been rows between the judges. Last week Last Orders had sold only three copies in more than 600 monitored bookshops...



Students Paul Moore, left, and Garry Booth paddling in flood water on the river walkway near the raised Thames Barrier yesterday

fierce attack from the industry regulator and were warned to curb prices after a series of large shareholder pay-outs and low spending ...Page 25

Lonrho: Dieter Bock announced he would step down as chief executive Fraud: Senior City figures and poli-

ticians are becoming increasingly concerned about plans to move experienced fraud squad officers away from their specialist .Page 26

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell by 31.8 points to close at 3993.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 89.6 to 89.1 after a fall from \$1.6123 to \$1.6108 and from DM2.4505 to ..Page 28 DM2.4315...

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Football: A win by Manchester United over Fenerbahce will virtually guarantee them a place in the European Cup quarter-finals for the first time in 28 years... Page 48.

Rugby league: Leeds are to remain. at Headingley after a takeover by a business consortium, which also hopes to persuade Yorkshire County Cricket Club to stay Page 48

Rugby union: Wasps are seeking two points after the postponement of their Courage Clubs Championship game against West Hartlepool, who cannot field a front ..Page 45

Tonnis: Richard Krajicek, the Wimbledon champion, was beaten 3-6. 6-1. 7-5 by Alberto Berasategui in the second round of the Paris

Small screen: As BBC Television.

celebrates its sixtieth birthday, we look at the pioneers who raced to transmit their moving pictures before the Second World War pulled the plug...Page 33

Greek gifts: Thessaloniki is next year's Cultural Capital of Europe, but instead of seizing the chance for a cultural push the city is riven by .. Page 35 political rows...

Beetle mania: Insect Life, a delightfully costumed and fearlessly conducted opera version of Capek's satire, has become the hottest ticket in Helsinki

Entertaining: John Osborne's classic Fifties play acquires plenty of resonances for the Nineties, with Michael Pennington riveting in the

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IN THE TIMES Starting from scratch: What do you do when your dream home burns to the ground?

With one foot in the surgery, Yeltsin continues to battle against Lebed, his greatest rival ... Now he has removed General Korzhakov, Lebed's greatest ally, from the army. In doing so, "Tsar" Boris has sacked a "Rasputin" ... all the better to lay deadly mines in Lebed's likely path back to power | Zaire crisis; legislation on drogs;

Nigelia Lawson says it is not the

working mother but the self-delud-

ing mother who may damage her

Whatever next? Jacqui Lait has

joined the last parliamentary male

Holding court: Companies back

fashion but fashion is the backer

tomorrow when Hugo Boss sup-

ports a gala to aid The Royal Court

Theatre Page 16

Enduring and endearing: Only a

few ads survive more than a couple

of years. Amazingly, Heinz 57 Vari-

Paper Round: Andrew Neil's new

job is good news for newspapers,

says Nicholas Lloyd .. Pages 22, 23

children....

bastion

Preview: Children's reactions to parents breaking up are explored in Modern Times (BBC2, 9pm) Review. Matthew Bond is none the wiser after watching Maxwell -The DownfallPage 47

Playing with fireworks

Like playing with fireworks, introducing the language of morality to politics can be dangerous; unless handled with care, it has a habit of blowing up in the politician's ... Page 19

Tarnished gold

It seems barely credible that it has taken more than 50 years to compensate countries for the looting they suffered at the hands of the ... Page 19

Cars for couplets

Since the beginning of poetry, it has been the privilege of the wealthy man to support the versifying

PETER RIDDELL

Senior British politicians have been to America recently to pick up tips. My impression from watching congressional races and the presidential contest is that there is as much for British politicians to avoid as to Page 12

SIMON JENKINS

The Tories should shut up about schools. Labour leads the Tories on _ health by six to one. The Tories should shut up about health. Unemployment and welfare give Labour a five-to-one lead; even on law and order the parties are neck and neck. All these ministers should be

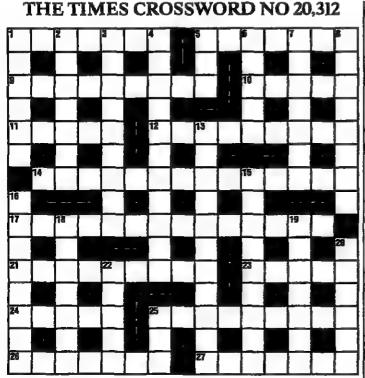
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the teacher is no longer the key to unlocking the mysteries of the . Page B

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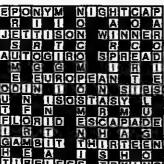
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14 Enemy takes both manoeuvres simultaneously (2,3,4,5).

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24 Long time getting to the point (5).

motive (7).



27 Beat it! (7).

[Weigh Jenny? (b).

2 Car included in some severance pay (7).

3 Bound to pray when going round church (9). 4 You'll find Harris in one, shivering, whatever the weather (4,2,5).

5 Swimmer examined orally (3). 6 Took out old hat (5). 7 To which an estate may be

entrusted for safe-keeping (7). 8 Provide information on offence ultimately meriting prison (4.4). 13 He describes how French upset

ecclesiastical tribunal (II). 15 Xanthippe - name given to a monster without one? [9]. 16 Stone frigate (8).

18 Superior sage put in a stew (7). 19 Careless, dropping book's wrapрет (7).

20 Junket needs some money raised 22 Miss Wickfield collects silver coins up (5).

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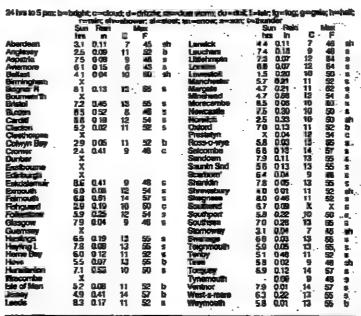
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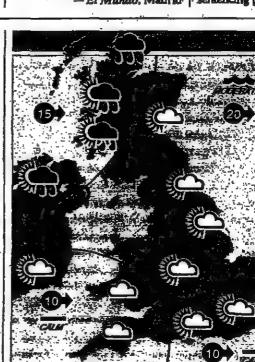
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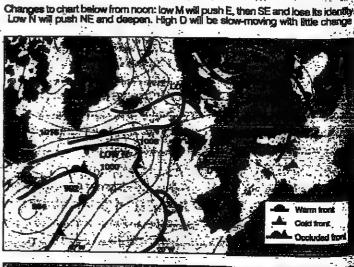
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News' 24-hour US News

panies that had deviated from spending plans submitted to him in the last pricing review should not raise water prices to the limit allowed under the resent regulatory system. He took a swipe at the rate of dividend payments compared with profit levels and investment, saying: "Unless there are very good reasons. I do not approve of dividend payments from the regulated business to the parent group which are in excess of what is needed to meet the cost of capital and to distribute to shareholders a proper share of the benefits of greater efficiency." Companies will have to explain to

Ofwat how their dividends have been established. Mr Byatt delivered his condemnation in Ofwat's annual report on financial perforthe reporting season for water companies with a 22 per cent increase in its interior dividend and a 15 per cent rise in underlying pre-tax profits. Frank Dobson, Shadow En-

vironment Secretary, welcomed Ofwat's report as an endorsement of Labour's campaign against the behaviour of the water companies which it has waged in response to supply during the droughts and as a precursor for the planned utility windfall tax. He said: "It really beggars belief that these monopolies have been allowed to make

record profits, pay out record. dividends and make record low investments during the which was undoubtedly their record worst performance for the customers." Ofwat will demand explawho have underspent on their elopment of new technical not all companies had there say and there could be legitimate reasons in some instances.

Mr Byatt said there was no suggestion that water companies should be returned to annual monitoring of their spending as they experienced under state ownership. But he emphasised: "We must make sure that there is no slippage in their performance, which is critical to customers. These are serious issues which I am currently exploring with the companies concerned and

with the quality regulators."

The Water Services Association, which represents nine of the ten large privatised water companies, said water companies remained committed to investment. Julia Langdon, director, said: "Many things influence the timing of invest-

spending on pipelines. mance and capital investment nations from those companies ment. These include the dev-lan Byatt, Director-General in the industry. It was released who have underspent on their elopment of new technical planning permissions and need to schedule work so as to

cause minimum disruption and inconvenience to local communities." She also said that companies had to prioritise work, such as dealing with last year's drought, improving leakage rates and responding to changing patterns in the construction industry

Mr Byatt underlined prosects for water bills to start falling in the next price review, set for 1999, when he said that many companies had shown they could be-come more efficient and improve services while cutting operating expenditure in real terms. He said these cost cuts could be passed on

payout 22% By OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT THAMES WATER ran into man, pledged further investfresh controversy over utility ment. He said: "Our customdividends yesterday with a 22 ers, who have the lowest bills per cent jump in its interim payment on the day the indusin England and Wales, have again not had any restrictions try regulator issued a stern warning that companies should justify their payouts. The company lifted its inter-

imposed on their use of water even though we have had another exceptionally dry year. I am delighted to anim dividend, payable on February 4, to 11.2p. It said the nounce that, in addition to our present £350 million annual increased payment has been investment programme to improve services, we plan to fuelled by a reduction in the number of shares from a invest a further £150 million share buy-back programme, a over the next five years in a strong contribution to profits variety of projects." Some of the extra cash will go to curbing leakage along from non-regulated businesses and "sound profit growth"

Thames bought back 10 per cent of its shares in July. sewer flooding. Plans to build a new reservoir in Oxfordshire Frank Dobson, Shadow enare being brought forward and the company said it would also look at extending the ring the results and the dividend rise were signs that Thames main in London. was "fleecing" its customers. He said: "The scandal of privatised Thames Water just goes on and on. Interim profits are up by 15 per cent to £188 million, dividends are up 22

aren't benefiting. They're sim-ply being fleeced." Mr Dobson said the average bill in the Thames area had climbed from £99 to £181

per cent. But the customers

in the regulated utility.

Thames, which has been reshaping its business after disappointing forays into noncore operations, increased pretax profits before exceptionals for the six months to September 30 by 15 per cent to £188 million. One-off items, including £12.2 million on the premium of repurchasing convert-ible bonds alongside its last buyback of shares, cut the headline profit rise to 6 per

cent, to £176 million. Sir Robert Clarke, chair-

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with programmes to reduce

Operating costs for utility operations increased 1.5 per cent above inflation. Thames said this was largely because of higher costs stemming from the dry summer and efforts to improve services. It forecast the rise in operating costs to be below inflation by the full-year

The regulated utility part of Thames Water provided for a parent company - up 7.5 per

Thames has largely withdrawn from design and contracting businesses and reported a rise in the profits of its non-regulated operations. Those businesses, including overseas projects, delivered pre-tax profits of £9 million. compared with a £3 million

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Fraud concern

Senior City figures and plans to move experienced Fraud Squad officers away from their specialist area and on to other unrelated duties.

More jobs

The creation of thousands of North Sea oil jobs was signalled when the Government approved a pipeline to Bacton in Norfolk from three new oil and gas discoveries. Page 26

Bock's Lonrho stake for Anglo

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

DIETER BOCK, said yesterday he would step down as chief executive of Lonrho, the mining, hotels and African trading company, and announced that he was selling his remaining stake in the company for £258 million to Anglo-American, the South African mining company.
He opted to put his 18.3 per cent stake in the company at 180p at share, fulfilling the terms of an agreement struck.

with Anglo in April. He will become non-executive deputy chairman of the company. Nicholas Morrell, previously deputy managing director, will become chief executive. Mr Bock said that he was selling the stake because he did not want to have influence

at a crucial stage of the company's planned break-up and wanted to allay suspicion he would conclude the sell-off in terms that most suited his

Mr Bock has also previously suggested that he would be erested in reinvesting the proceeds in Lontho's African trading interests once the break-up is complete. The deal with Anglo, which

now holds a 26 per cent stake

in Lonrho, quashes speculation that the company had managed to unravel the option agreement with Mr Bock.

Anglo insisted yesterday that its interest in Lonrho had never cooled, but ruled out making a takeover bid for the rump mining company once



Bock: stepping down

Lonrho completed its plans to spin off its hotel and African trading interests. Julian Oglivie Thompson, chairman of Anglo, said the company was making a long-

looking forward to supporting Lonrho's mining businesses.

Anglo has been keen to expand its interests beyond its South African base. It insisted that it had established a good relationship with the Ashanti

Goldfield company, in which Lonrho holds 30 per cent. although ultimate control rests with the Ghanaian Government Lonrho added yesterday that it was close to finalising the sale of its hotel division.

Prince al-Walced bin Talal is believed to have offered about £350 million for the Princess chain, while Stakis, the leisure group, is rumoured to be the ront-runner for the £300 million Metropole chain.

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Consumer credit grows by more than £1bn again

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

approvals continued to rise, suggesting the pause in the high street recovery last month is likely to prove temporary. Consumer credit grew by £1.06 billion, despite a 0.3 per cent fall in retail sales and market expectations of a rise of around £830 million. The

CONSUMER credit growth in September topped £1 billion for the third the number of new mortage loans month running, while home loans continued to increase, with 94,000 new approvals in September, a 30 per cent

rise year-on-year.

M4, the measure of broad money supply, rose 0.8 per cent in September, bringing the annual growth rate to 9.9 per cent — just above the Government's monitoring range. Figures from the leading banks meanwhile, showed figures also showed that consumers the leading banks meanwhile, showed that tonsumers were switching from credit card borrowing to credit deals offered by in the three months to the end of retailers. Growth in net mortgage September, compared with £10.2 billending slipped back in September

Stores warn of £3.5bn cost of EMU switch

By Sarah Cunningham

land Britain's shops with a £3.5 billion bill unless current Brussels proposals are amended, retailers said yesterday. The euro is due to go into general circulation in January 2002, three years after EMU is implemented. The British Retail Consortium (BRC) recommends that, if Britain joins EMU, the switch to the new currency should occur overnight, as happened with decimalisation 25 years ago, rather than have the euro and the pound running in parallel for six months, as

is currently proposed. The BRC also

EUROPEAN Monetary Union could

wants any switch delayed until February, a much quieter trading month. These changes could cut to £1.7 billion the cost to be borne by consumers.

retailers, shareholders and taxpayers, said the BRC. The cost to retailers across the EU is estimated at £22 billion. The BRC said that it is neither for nor against Britain joining EMU. However, it said that retailers would be at the front line of implementation and would need three years to prepare. The £3.5 billion bill includes the cost of labelling in two currencies, training

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Forecasters urge

tax rise in Budget

THE CHANCELLOR should raise taxes in the Budget next

month if he is to put public finances on a sound footing for the future, the National Institute of Economic and Social

Research says in its latest forecast, published today. The institute advocates tax rises of approaching E3 billion, but assumes a cut of £4 billion in its economic forecasts as the

likeliest outcome. This would encompass a reduction of

income tax of lp in the pound and increases in allowances.

Even after tax cuts next month, the institute believes that the public deficit will ease to less than I per cent of gross domestic product in the fiscal year 1998/99 and move to a surplus in 1909/2002.

product in the liscal year 1998/99 and have to a surplus in 1999/2000. However, this depends on the Government maintaining very tight control of public spending, says the institute, which also forecasts that output will rise by more than 3 per cent in 1997 and 1998, and that unemployment will fell to believe the mailties in the first quarter of part when the first quarter of part was the part was the

fall to below two million in the first quarter of next year and fall towards 1.75 million at the end of the century.

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$\frac{4}{22}$ Loss of experienced fraud fighters worries City

BY ROBERT MILLER

SENIOR City figures, politicians and fraudbusters are becoming increasingly concerned about plans to move experienced fraud squad officers away from their specialist area and move them on to unrelated duties.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Police Federation in London today the question of career management policy or tenure is expected to generate a heated debate over the most effective way to tackle the growing wave of international fraud. Much of the proceeds of such crimes are being laundered through the

Pipeline

promises

North Sea

jobs boost

Shell added that a "product

stream providing chemicals feedstock could be routed

through a new pipeline link to

the central area transmission

system to Teesside, depending

on future demand in that

The Elgin, Franklin and Shearwater fields will boost

the chemical, construction and

gas industries in Teesside, Grangemouth and Bacton, Shell yesterday awarded more than £320 million of

contracts to Amec and SLP

Engineering on Tyneside and

lan Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, said: "Shell and Elf, the fields"

operators, have put to me a

proposal to separate offshore

oil and substantial quantities

of feedstocks to be piped to BP's Grangemouth plant, and to build a new pipeline to pipe the gas to Bacton in Norfolk.

It has been suggested that I

build the pipeline to Teesside. I have concluded that I could

not properly overrule the oil

companies' proposals. Their preferred option keeps down the cost of extracting the oil and gas by some £200 million.

Indeed, the companies have

told me that without this

pipeline route, the Shearwater

project would not be economi-

cally viable and therefore

taken a number of measures

to reassure the Teesside

Chemicals Initiative (TCI) of

the Government's long term

"At the same time I have

as industries in Teesside,

THE CREATION of thou-

sands of North Sea oil jobs was signalled yesterday

when the Government ap-

proved construction of a

pipeline to Bacton in Nor-

folk from a clutch of three

new oil and gas discoveries.

up £2.5 billion of develop-

The Shell group estimated yesterday that the British

offshore construction indus-

try would benefit to the tune

The decision to build the

pipeline to Bacton rather than Teesside, however, will

disappoint British Gas. The

company had lobbled hard

to land the gas in the North

The Labour party also

protested against the deci-sion. John Battle, the shad-

ow minister for energy and industry, stated: "There is

very little transparency of decision-making from the Government. On the one

hand they say that they want to make Teesside the chemical capital of Europe, yet on the other, they have allowed the gas effectively to

be piped straight to Europe when it could have been of

significant benefit to

Production declared yester-

day, however, that without

approval of the new trans-

port route to existing gas

receiving facilities at Bacton, development of

Shearwater would not have

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Shell UK Exploration and

of 4,000 man years.

The Shearwater, Elgin and Franklin fields will soak

Under the controversial tenure policy it is planned to move officers after they have completed 15 consecutive years in a specialist area. One concession wrung from the authorities, however, is that the "specialists" could reapply to return to their former role after a twoyear posting elsewhere. But because of the highly specialised nature of fraud investigations, which often cross a number of international jurisdictions, senior figures have gone on the record to spell out their concerns to The Times.

George Staple, Director of the Serious Fraud Office, said: "Co-operation with police fraud squads and ourselves has generally been very good. But both the police and ourselves have to

their long-term involvement in the investigation of serious fraud."

Mr Staple cited three of the most high-profile investigations, Bank of Credit and Commerce International, the Sumitomo copper affair and Barings, where the same police officers have been involved and brought an "enormous"

amount of knowledge to bear.

Richard Clark, a partner in Slaughter & May, the City law firm that recovered £6 million for the Salvation Army after it fell victim to an international fraud, said: "Fraud is

stay ahead of the fraudster. That means a high degree of specialisation which police officers must be given the opportunity to achieve by specialising in fraud was undermined by them

eing unable to remain in their specialist area." Mike O'Brien, Labour's shadow Treasury spokesman, said: "The concern must be that moving experienced officers to other duties could undermine the important fight against complex fraud." Ian Westwood, vice chairman of the Police Federation, said there should be flexibility in implementing the tenure policy, particularly in specialist areas such as fraud.

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charges

against him. The bank and Mr

Stoneman have been charged under the Investors (Prevention of Fraud) (Jersey) Law, their alleged offences relating to the making of misleading and reckless statements and concealing material facts.

Dr Young, now at his Not-tingham home on £10,000 bail, denies falsifying profit figures and concealing losses. His company, Anagram Econometrics Ltd. was remembership of the Assocation of Futures Brokers

and Dealers in 1988. Civil actions have brought in Jersey against Cantrade and Touche Ross. Mr Williams is alleged to have audited Dr Young's figures claiming trading profits. Both Cantrade and Touche Ross

fraud

SWISS bank in Jersey, one of its senior managers, and a former partner of Touche Ross, the accountant, face a total of 29 charges of fraud after investigations of alleged currency trading losses of \$26.7 million. Cantrade Private Bank Switzerland (CI) Ltd. a subsid-

iary of Union Bank of Switzerland, says it will deny the 12. offences alleged to have com-mitted between 1988 and 1993. The bank has suspended the manager involved, Peter Stoneman, pending the resolu-tion of the nine charges

The former Touche Ross partner, Alfred Williams, a 18x adviser who retired in 1994. faces eight charges alleging that he made reckless, misleading,

false or deceptive statements.

All 29 charges relate to currency trading carried out in Jersey by Robert Young, who faced two fraud charges in Jersey in August. Ninety investors, who placed substantial funds with Dr Young via Swiss investment managers, allege that massive losses were hidden from them.

Inquiry leads to

BY PHILIP JOUNG

UNIT trust sales to private investors fell by more than £140. million in September to £204.9 million, the lowest monthly figure this year. Statistics from the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds, however, show that overall net-investment in the 1,666 unit trusts now on offer rose by £160 investment in the 1,666 unit trusts now on oner rose by £100 million to £825.2 million. Investors cashing in last month accounted for an outflow of £1.2 billion compared with £1 billion in August. Sales of unit trust personal equity plans at £327 million were £20 million higher while corporate bond. Peps sold £76 million against £62 million in August.

Unit trust sales fall

Confidence limited

AN INDEPENDENT consumer watchdog has found that one in three investors have no confidence about leaving their one in three investors have no confidence about leaving their money with a financial institution for a long time. The annual report from the independent consumer panel of the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) also calls for regulation to be extended to mortgage advice and long-term care protection. In the report, the panel adds: "We want people to have easy access to complaint and redress mechanisms."

Zeneca turns up volume atthe

ZENECA, the drugs group, reported a 14 per cent jump in sales to £4.01 billion in the first nine months of 1996. However, profit-taking after a recent strong run pushed down the shares 38 ap to £17.11 b. The company said the rise in sales was almost entirely because of strong volume growth. In its pharmaceuticals division, volumes were helped by new product launches, but pricing pressures continue, particularly in Japan and some European countries.

Pressac pulls ahead

OVERSEAS demand helped Pressac Holdings, the car part manufacturer, to turn in its strongest year-end results as its exports overtook its domestic turnover for the first time. A 29 per cent lift in its sales to the US helped overall turnover to rise 20 per cent to £19.7 million. This took profits to £6.45 million (£4.61 million) before tax, leaving earnings of 11.39, (9.01p) per share. A final dividend of 2.91p; payable on December 13, makesta yearly total of 3.9p (3.5p).

Flemings to close fund

FLEMINGS, the investment trust house, plans to wind up the Fleming High Income Investment Trust because of disappointing performance. The 7,000 investors with £35 million in the nd will be offered either cash or a switch to the £170 mi Fleming Claverhouse Investment Trust, the Save & Priston Growth Fund, the Save & Prosper Premier Equity Inguity Fund, or the Save & Prosper Cash fund. Flemings and Save & Prosper are both subsidiaries of Robert Fleming.

Hotel float still on

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND HOTELS has confirmed it still aims to come to market early next month in a flotation that will value the company at £30.4 million. Doubts had been raised about the viability of a further hotel float after. Principle Hotels decided to pull its floration last week. But Hamish Grossart, chairman of Scottish, said the company had received strong institutional support and the float should proceed as planned on November 11 at a placing price of 125p.

Hidden insurance costs

HOUSEHOLDERS are paying £1.1 billion in hidden commission on home insurance, Direct Line, the UK's largest telephone-based insurer, has claimed. This equals 20 per cent of all premiums paid in 1995, it said. The insurer accuse rival banks and building societies of "restrictive practices" in home insurance and called for the law to split insurance from home loans. Intermediaries employed by banks and societies alone earned £720 million on home insurance in 1995, it said

Reprieve on school fees

THE TREASURY has announced a reprieve for thousands of parents and grandparents threatened with loss of tax relief on school fees annuity plans after the Charity Commission withdrew the plans' charitable status earlier this year. Michael Jack, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, yesterday confirmed that plans taken out on or before June 20 1996 will continue to operate tax free, even if they have lost charitable status. Income from plans taken out after June 20 will be taxed.

Watchdog delays gas competition

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE-AND-A-HALF million gas customers face a longer wait before they can shop around for their gas supplies. The delayed extension of gas competition, announced yesterday by Ofgas, was made to give British Gas more time to adapt its systems.

Dorset and the old county of Avon will get competitive supplies in household gas from February 10, while Kent and East and West Sussex should benefit after March 7. The two dates are about a month later than anticipated.

The change comes after a series of hitches in the first

South West, Many consumers complained that they had been mistakenly transferred to new suppliers and a substantial number received freak bills from British Gas for end-

HENRY ROBERTS, chief executive of Northum-

brian Fine Foods, yesterday anounced the com-

pany's first interim dividend payment in four

years. The company reported a 10 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits to £409,000. The results

were helped by a rise in productivity at its biscuit

into disrepute.

of-account settlement after problems with computers at TransCo, the pipelines division. The Gas Consumers Council welcomed the delay. Sue Slipman, the director, said: "GCC wants domestic competition to be a success. If problems are not ironed out by the

start of phase two it could bring domestic competition

president of News Corp PETER CHERNIN has been appointed president and chief operating officer of The News Corporation, parent company of The Times. He is the first person to hold the title. Mr

Chernin, 45, is currently chair-

man and chief executive of Fox Filmed Entertainment. Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of News Corp., said that the North American operations of the group would be consolidated under the Fox Group, of which Mr Chernin will be chairman and chief executive officer. Chase Carcy, 42, is appoint-

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF ed co-chief operating officer and will continue as chairman and chief executive of Fox

Chernin appointed first

plant at Gateshead, after £1 million was invest-

ed in modernising production. After a full year

from its wholesale distribution plant in Luton.

overall sales were 8 per cent better, at £14.6

million. Earnings were 0.67p (0.6p) per share, leaving a 0.05p dividend, due on December 17.

Mr Chernin, Mr Carey and Lachlan Murdoch, who was appointed managing director of News Limited in Australia during September, have been elected to the News Corp board.

The office of the chairman will be established with management responsibility for the worldwide operations of News Corp and will consist of Rupert Murdoch, Mr Chernin, Mr Carey, David De Voe,

and chief financial officer, and Arthur Siskind, senior executive vice-president and group general counsel. "These appointments are

designed to strengthen the management and coordination of the company through-out the world," Mr Murdoch said. "I look forward to working even closer with Messrs Chernin and Carey. With their widely expanded responsibilities I expect them to make a huge contribution both to our strategic planning and to the effectiveness of all our

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Electricity bid battle hotting up

By Christine Buckley

CE ELECTRIC, the UK arm of the US group making a hostile bid for Northern Electric, bought more shares in the regional electricity company vesterday. Its holding is now expected to top 13 per cent.

A range of large institutions told the Stock Exchange they had sold large stakes in Northern, which is attempting to fight its second hostile bid in as many years.

CE Electric, a venture between US companies Cal-Energy and Peter Kiewit, is refusing to make its offer final amid speculation that an agreed deal could be struck for a higher price. It has offered 630p an ordinary share, while Northern has indicated £7 as a more realistic figure.

The share price fell 82p to 639hp yesterday. But unless there are further substantial falls, the US group will probably have to raise its offer.

Scholar team targets **Nottingham Forest** By Jason Nisse IRVING SCHOLAR, the for-

mer Tottenham Hotspur chairman whose desperate attempts to shore up club finances in the early Nineties led him to a controversial deal with Robert Maxwell, has emerged as part of a threeman consortium planning a £30 million deal to take over Nottingham Forest, the Premiership football club.

The main force behind the bid is Lawrie Lewis, a founder of Blenheim, the exhibitions group that was bought by United News & Media this month for £600 million.

The third member of the group is Phil Soar, a football historian and Forest fan who replaced Mr Lewis as Blenheim's managing director in 1991 but was forced to

resign three years later.

They are proposing to buy the club for £5 million and inject a further £5 million.



Scholar, consultant's role

with the idea of floating Forest on the stock market to raise another £20 million. The bid comes as a rival to an offer from Grant Bovey, the entre-preneur behind Watershed Pictures, the video maker.

Forest has hired Price Waterhouse, the accountant, to find a new owner for the

chairman in spite of having little interest in football. Mr Scholar will be a consultant on footballing matters. He was Spurs chairman for nine years, during which time it became the first publicly quoted football club in England. In 1990, his deal to borrow

club, which is currently con-trolled by 209 shareholders.

At least three quarters of the

shareholders have to vote in

favour of the proposals for a

deal to proceed. Fred Reader,

Forest's chairman, will give

an update tomorrow on the

sale plans at the club's annual

meeting, at which he is also

Mr Lewis, who lives in

Monaço, plans to be club

expected to stand down.

money from Mr Maxwell to complete the purchase of Gary Lineker led to censure from the Stock Exchange He left after Spurs was rescued by a consortium led by Terry Venables and Alan Sugar the

Lotus revs up for £64n rescue dea

BY FRASER NELSON

LOTUS, the troubled car ma ufacturer, is expected to a nounce today that it has stru a £64 million rescue deal wil Proton, the Malaysian c manufacturer, saving the Bri ish motoring legend from a uncertain future.

Proton is understood to have offered £52 million for a 80 per cent stake, while agree ing to take on £12 million o Lotus's debt. Romano Artioli the Lotus chairman, will retain the remaining 20 per cent.

The deal comes after Louis's failed negotiations with Daewoo, the Korean car manufacturer, and Chris Evans. chairman of TOAD; the car security company. Mr Evans, who raised -E50 million in preparation for the deal said he had pulled out after discover ering that General Meters had withdrawn its custom. The order made up more than half of Lotus's sales.

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☐ Labour targets Thames, and others ☐ Policeman's lot should be a steady one ☐ Retailers want early Euro decision

has not yet - not yet, though give them time - had to disconnect its customers in their thousands because it is a bit chilly outside. Even the telephone system gets cheaper and more reliable year

by year.

By the standards of other utilities, the water industry is. offering an appalling service. Much of the industry is unable to supply its main commodity in the quantity its customers demand for months at a time. We take this for granted, however hard we grumble, because water is somehow different.

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Labour, though it may at first have failed around attacking all available targets in the utilities, has realised lately that on water the party may be on the safest ground. The party chose the day before the start of the interim reporting season to "reveal" the disquiet of Ian Byan, the water regulator, about rising dividends and falling investment. This was confirmed by Mr Byatt, whose annual report on the day. Thames Water announced its figures also does not look like

The difference in approach is limits between company and instructive. Mr Byatt merely consumer. The disadvantage is

Tapped into mainstream politics

suggests, in tones that express more sorrow than anger, that there seem to be cases where companies were spending more money on their shareholders than on keeping the pipes in good repair. He wondered why those companies had not taken the opportunity to explain the doubtless excellent reasons why this should be. He pointed no

inis should be. He pointed no finger of blame.
Labour named the guilty men. The biggest cuts in investment were by North West, already labelled the higgest fat cat of them all and so a fair target, Severn Trent and, on yes, Thames. All very unscientific, taking just one year's figures, and probably unfair, but good politics. fair, but good politics.

Assume for a moment, a Labour government. A windfall utilities tax is then inevitable, with water bearing the brunt. Again unfair, and possibly counter-productive in its effects on investment, but again good politics. Labour is looking towards a form of regulation that is effectively profit-sharing, splitting the excess above given profit

that it encourages under-report-ing of profits. Mr Byatt is moving that way, if slowly, by linking achieved investment lev-els to allowed price increases. The paradox is that he shout-

The paradox is that by shouting so loud about a utilities tax. Labour is tempting companies to offload as much spare cash as they can to shareholders before the election. A tax thereafter would genuinely deprive them of cash needed for investment, and repairs to cut leaks.

And guess which three companies, according to the regulator, have the worst record for leaks? Yorkshire, of course, Severn Trent again - and Thames.

Fewer moves to combat fraud

☐ REGULAR career moves make sense in many areas of policing. No one is perfect, and too long an immersion in vice, or drugs, or any other specialised area carries the danger of, to put it at its politest, going native. Fraud is a little different. For all the gung-ho talk about beating international fraud, the truth is PENNINGTON

just about stemming the flow of illegal money entering the Brit-ish banking system. What is worrying agencies such as the Serious Fraud Office is that if that policy of tenure is applied rigidly to fraud squuds then years, often decades of experi-

Investigations involving such scams as Nigerian letters, standby letters of credit or advanced see fraud often take years and cross four or five, or even more, jurisdictions. At the end, investigators are lucky if they can prosecute even one of the ringleaders. Experience gleaned on such cases is invaluable for later inquiries, as are the personal contacts built up with

Interpol, the FBI and others. More than \$50 billion has flowed out of the former Soviet Union since the collapse of com-munism, much of it absorbed directly into the international and banking systems. Most is almost certainly the proceeds of organised crime.

Most serving police officers accept that in the past there have been corrupt links between police and villains. But pay and conditions have improved and the chances of fraud squad officers, and most other policemen, becoming too close to their quarry is far less likely now-adays. Rather than force fraud squad officers to move on, possibly to be lost for good, one suggestion gaining support from those on the ground is that recruits should spend longer on other police duties before being

seconded to fraud. Currently, officers are moving into fraud after only short periods elsewhere. Far better they should gain experience in a broad variety of policing work before ending up in their chosen specialisation. There has been

jurors facing up to fraud trials; the police have a steep learning curve to climb too.

Nightmare on EMU street

☐ IF anything can be said for certain about the eventual switch-over to European Monetary Union, it is that the first few days will be a nightmare. Comparisons are being drawn with Decimal Day in 1971, but they are false. D-Day required a fairly simple conversion rate, 240 to 100. By contrast, the ecu is currently standing at 1,2687 to the pound, not a sum that lends itself easily to mental arithmetic.

The opportunities for a little fraud by retailers are plentiful there was enough around in 1971. A big difference, though, is that in the early 1970s retail transactions were conducted in cash and by cheque. A conversion to a new currency today would require the overhaul of the software controlling every online direct debit and credit card payment system. The opportu-

nities for electronic chaos — well, one might prefer to stick with the fraud alone.

The views of the British Retail Consortium, that the switch-over will need three years of preparation, look optimistic. They are repeating only what the City has been saying for years, that those preparations require a decision to be made well ahead of any conceivable political timetable. If the political decision to stay out then goes against the practical decision to prepare for going in, an awful lot of money is going to be wasted by all concerned.

There used to be - there may still be — a quaint little pub near the Angel, Islington, whose unique selling point was to price everything in the old, pre-decimal money. Any budding entrepreneur looking for a new theme for a chain of bars come 2002 might give the place a visit.

Kicked off?

CHELSEA Village, owner of the football club, yesterday gave its unanimous support to Ken Bates, the chairman, after speculation that he might be replaced by Peter Middleton, the former Lloyd's boss. This must be the same "unanimous support" traditionally given in soccer to a club's manager on the eve of his dismissal. Expect Mr Bates's departure by Christmas, then.

Chairman of Matthew Clark dies

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

MATTHEW CLARK, the troubled drinks company, an-nounced yesterday that Michael Cottrell, chairman, had

died on Monday. Mr Courell, 57, became chairman in 1992 and oversaw Matthew Clark's transformation into a major cider and drinks company through the acquisitions of Taunton and Gaymer. Mr. Cottrell, who was also chairman of Enterprise inns, was previously chairman of Taunton and managing director of Cour-

The company said that tive director, would serve as acting chairman while the company hunted for a succes-

sued a profits warning in September, also unveiled a number of other management began to outline its strategy to restore; the company to growth. The company's shares have more than halved since it issued the warning, which blamed the growth in popularity of "alcopops" for a collapse in sales of its premi-

um packaged cider brands. Peter Aikens, chief executive, has assumed direct control of the branded drinks division. The company is also seeking to appoint a marketing director at board level, while Andrew Nash, currently managing director, will leave because the position is becoming redundant.

Matthew Clark added that it team in the branded drinks division and is looking to recruit 40 additional personnel. The conclusions of a stratewhich produces brands such as Diamond White and Dry Blackthorne, will be completed by early January. The iniatives pleased the City and the shares rose 15p to close at 315p.

Float may conjure up £66m value for Druid

DRUID, an IT consultancy, is coming to the stock market via a placing that could value the company at up to £65.9 million (Fraser Nelson writes).

The company hopes to raise £6 million from new shares, of available to investors. It will use the money to redeem £3.3 million of its preference shares and to open a new office. Druid, formed from a man-

agement buyout in 1993, works exclusively with busi-

ness software. More than 90 per cent of its business comes from SAP software, Europe's largest-selling integrated business system.

In the year to June 30 Druid had pre-tax profits of E3 million (£1.3 million) from sales of £12 million (£6.2 million). It has forecast that it will make at least £1.75 million in the current half.

SBC Warburg estimates the value of shares at between 230p and 290p each.

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Pearson at record high as Carlton waits in the wings

tive buying lifted Pearson, the multimedia specialist, to yet another high amid claims that Carlton Communications may be ready to pounce.

Pearson, which owns the Financial Times. Madame Tussauds, Thames Television. Penguin Books and Lazard Brothers merchant bank, finished 1812p dearer at a high of 750 ap as 3.6 million shares changed hands in a thin

market Only last week, BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster 40 per cent owned by News Interna-tional, owner of The Times, denied claims it was ready to bid. This time it was Carlton said to be lining up a bid of around 800p a share, valuing Pearson at £4.56 billion.

Any move is likely to be rejected by Pearson's beefedup management that included the appointment of Majorie Scardino as chief executive. Carlton, the independent broadcaster which now controls the independent television franchise for the London midweek area, has continued to confound the City by its seeming reluctance to make any further acquisitions, despite intense speculation to the contrary.

Some say Carlton may choose to wait until after the laws on media ownership are relaxed next month, allowing the group to make a bid for another broadcaster. A spokesman for Carlton denied the group planned to bid for Pearson. Carlton ended 2p easier at 503p, where the group carries a stock market price tag of almost £3 billion.

The rest of the equity market continued to lose ground after the overnight setback for the Dow Jones average. It dipped back below the 4,000 level as investors turned cautious ahead of next week's US presidential election. An openng rally last night by the Dow failed to inject any renewed enthusiam, with the FT-SE 100 index closing 31.8 points down at 3,993.5 in thin volume

of 694 million shares.

Profit-taking hit Northern Electric after the bid and subsequent dawn raid by by CE Electric, the US power the day 812p cheaper at 63912p as almost 4.5 million shares changed hands.

The terms of the bid value Northern at E677 million. Hopes among City speculators about a higher price being



Pressac's Geoffrey White, left, Roger Boissier, centre, and Huw Lewis, finance director saw the shares rise 122pp

paid by CE Electric appear to he fading. Last week's refusal by the Government to allow bids by Severn Trent and Wessex for South West to proceed makes a home-grown counterbid seem remote. East Midlands Electricity, another possible takeover target, fin-

shed 3p easier at 5421ap. Takeover favourite Zeneca was an early casualty as the

Credit Lyonnais Laing are reluctant to urge clients to sell the shares, despite their high rating, saying the potential for a bid for Zeneca, or even a merger, is still high. British Biotech fell 30p to 22012p as a large parcel of

say Zeneca is continuing to lag behind the progress made by some of its rivals. Brokers like

shares went through the mar-

Tradepoint Financial Networks, the rival to the London Stock Exchange, continues to make inroads with a record £42.5 million worth of trade transacted in the past month. Yesterday it accounted for more than half of the 1.82 million shares traded in Sears, with the average transaction now worth £215,000.

profit-takers moved in after the recent strong run. At one stage the price dropped to £17.07 before closing off the bottom with a fall of 381 ap at £17.1712p. The move coincided with the latest trading statement from the company revealing a 14 per cent rise in group sales. Pharmaceutical sales have also risen 14 per cent to £1.7 billion, but brokers

ket. Morgan Stanley, the US securities house, placed a total of 21 million shares with various clients at 215p on behalf of Deutsche Morgan

Grenfell, the merchant bank. The sale, by two of the three suspended Morgan Grenfell asset management funds. raised £45.1 million and re-Deutsche Morgan Grenfell's stake to 30 million



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GILT-EDGED: Prices in

London opened lower, reflecting similar falls on overseas bond markets. A stronger than expected rise in consumer credit succeeded in driving prices even lower. London was able to claw back most of the early losses with the help of firmer US treasury bonds on the back of a less than expect-

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THE difficulty with Lonrho has always been identifying whose interests will take precedence. In the days of the great white hunter --Tiny Rowland - it was relatively safe to assume that the shareholders would come second place to the long-range strategy of building an African empire. The arrival of Dieter Bock - a different manner of man brought a more down to earth strategy and a greater concern for value. This has brought benefits, not least the opportunity to see what lay behind some of the more obscure investments of his predecessor. However, yesterday's events suggest shareholders.

should again be concerned. The "Tiny empire" is being ripped apart, and the devolutionary Mr Book has cashed in his investment by exercising a put option against Anglo-American. For his pains, and

they were not insignificant, he has probably doubled his money, based on an average investment price of 90p. The South Africans have been forced to take the shares at 180p, a substantial premium to yesterday's 163p.

Should Anglo be concerned? Probably not. They have secured what they wanted. Anglo-American has as good as secured control of Lonrho, 2 company which, by dint of two forthcoming asset sales, will become a mining finance house with interests in African gold and platinum. For outsiders, the picture is less rosy. The sale of the hotels should yield £600 million: the African trading businesses, another pile of cash. Will it be returned to investors? A share in so much money; out of reach of South African authorities, would be a nice present for Anglo-American. Not so interesting for everyone else.

Thames Water

WEIGHING up the worth of utilities ought to be sim-ple are they efficient or poor managers of cash and, in the case of the water companies, can they manage big construction projects. Such a low-growth and high capital expenditure business needs a penny-pinching mentality, and Thames Water demonstrated suitably Micaw-

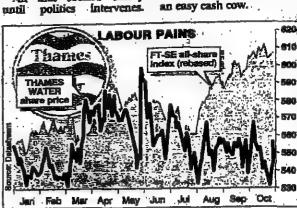
berish tendencies yesterday. The boost to the dividend was expected — having hought back IC per cent of the shares in July, Thames has a smaller number of mouths to feed, However, growth of 22 per cent was better than hoped for and expectations for the full year have moved ahead accord-

Operating margins should continue to improve — cost increase are being kept be-

low inflation and, at the same time, Thames is bringing in projects at well below budget. The company could come in £200 million below its original estimates. That would permit an extra £150 million of investment to benefit consumers and £50 million for shareholders. All that sounds dandy

politics intervenes.

Thames could become an even leaner husiness - at 38 per cent, gearing is ridicu-lously low. With regular-cash flow of £600 millionplus per year. Thames could be borrowing and paying out even more. But the next government will also be borrowing and paying out more: and in Thames, Labour has



Chesterfield

THERE are too many small property companies, and for several years fund managers have sought to stitch together deals that would reduce the cost of supporting the salary ambitions of property com-pany directors. Sadly, the recession eliminated too few businesses and did not deflate enough egos.

. However, deals have been: done in the private sector by institutions seeking to sellproperties in return for shares in a vehicle run by a dever property trader. Albi-on is one such company, set up by Robert Maxted, formerly the managing director of Pillar Properties. With a portfolio valued at £110 million and net assets of £20 million, it might float with a But a better deal is in sight with Chesterfield Properties.

stranded in the latest share rally. With a net asset value of about £6, the shares are at

a 20 per cent discount while most of the sector trades at asset value. Chesterfield owns shopping centres and, curiously, the Curzon cinema chain in London and a clutch of West End theatres.

If Chesterfield buys Albion's shares. Robert Maxted will probably take the helm and steer the group a bit more aggressively towards the wind, Already, Chester-field is planning a flotation of the theatres and cinemas entertainment businesses are fashionable and there is little logic in keeping a revenue-based business within a property company. It could be an interesting adventure.

Scottish: *** Highland

worries about a market saturated with hotel shares. While Principle Hotels, which operates in a similar mid-market niche, was

forced to pull its float only last week, Scottish insists it is. still on track to debut on the market early next month, val-

ued at £30 million.
The attraction of Scottish is that its hotels generate an un-usually high revenue from activities such as catering and. leisure clubs. This has enabled the group to achieve operating margins of 31 per cent. while occupancy levels stand at a respectable 75.2 per cent. The company has also sought a more sensible pricing strategy with the 125p offer valuing the company at 12.4 times prospective earnings.

The company has a conservative acquisition strategy but will be looking for small deals to expand out of its cen-tral Scotland base. Scottist it unlikely to be one of the more exciting players in the martional demand it looks: capable of avoiding most of the pitfalls that have beset

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many people only dream about. Full of awe, you walk inside to be greeted by pounding rock music and the

smell of hamburgers; on the

walls hang electric guitars

and other rock memorabilia.

You sit down and order a

plate of fries from the wait-

Atlantic City Taj Mahal casi-

no, but perhaps more impor-

tantly you are sitting in the Hard Rock Cafe - or you will.

be once it opens next month. You are also encountering

what is becoming one of the

world's fastest growing brand

Ever since Andrew Teare

took over as head of the Rank

Organisation and paid \$410 million earlier this year to

buy out the remaining 40 per cent shareholding in Hard

Rock owned by Peter Morton.

the restaurant chain has tak-

Rank now controls the

brand worldwide and intends

to drive it for all it is worth.

Under Jim Berk, the presi-

dent and chief executive of

Hard Rock, the aim is to build

the brand in the way that

Richard Branson has expand-

ed the Virgin name. Mr Berk

said: "The thing we have to be

careful of is not to hurt the credibility of the concept the

The restaurant chain is

now proposing to fix up the Trump Castle, owned by

Donald Trump, the flamboy-

ant American property mogul

founders started."

en on a new lease of life.

You are, of course, in the

Direct Line

for Robinson

PETER ROBINSON, the

ousted chief executive of

the Woolwich, will soon be

after he left the third largest

building society, heading for a £3 billion flotation, he

has decided to act as a.

consultant for the insur-

ance company. Turning a

new leaf on the allegations this year of irregularities

concerning expenses and

other perks - which he

denied - Robinson will

work with Peter Wood,

chief executive, from Fri-

day. Having had several options, Robinson said:

What impressed me most.

about Direct Line was its

absence of bureaucracy

Glad is Knight

FUNKY Angela Knight is

clearly keeping abreast of

the music scene, Speaking

at a Big Bang conference

yesterday, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury

wowed her andience with

an in-depth knowledge of

the pop charts. Ten years

ago, on the threshold of

the Big Bang, when Dire Straits hit the headlines,

the domestic equity maxket turnover on the

London Stock Exchange

was £181.2 billion," she

said. Today, when all

those of you men with red

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watching the Spice Girls

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performance of domestic

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Faith rewarded

TWO insurance executives

have shot to the top of the

lrish charts with an album of traditional hymns. John Kearns, who works for

Hibernian Insurance, and

his friend Bernard Ben-

nett, general manager at

Penco Insurance, are all

set to pick-up a double platinum for Faith of Our

Fathers. The album fea-

tures 20 hymns, including

"Hail Queen of Heaven

and "Soul of my Saviour". from 52 musicians. Within

its first week, the duo has

recouped the £90,000 that

they spent making the

album. "Record company

executives told us that we

were committing financial suicide," Kearns says.

President Powell

BUSINESSMEN staying

at The Athenaeum Hotel in

Piccadilly would chose Col-in Powell as US President.

Out of 320 guests surveyed,

a quarter plumped for the Gulf War veteran. Of cur-rent contestants who would

make the best President,

Bill Clinton was the favour-

ite, followed by Bob Dole, then his running mate Jack Kemp. Big Bird, Barbara Cartland, OJ Simpson, and Hillary Clinton's hair styl-

ist were among the more

WHEN Luke "Skywalker"

Johnson was appointed to the board of Shield yester-

day, its share price shot up

from 4.5p to 6.5p. As chairman of PizzaExpress

and a non-executive direc-

tor of My Kinda Town, the eligible bachelor and Ox-

ford graduate has per-suaded investors that the

property dealing and dev-

elopment group is an in-

credible catch. The com-

pany will now be known as

MORAG PRESTON

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building its live music subsid-He also makes the point iary and developing its own that such crises have been a recording label, which will put out compilations of classic the post-war UK economy.

As well as using normal music outlets, it will sell its music through its own stores. which already turn over other merchandise worth about half the chain's total revenues.

Building on the restaurants' status as a "destination location" - just look at the queues outside the Hard Rock on Piccadilly near Hyde Park Corner — it is also planning branded hotels and resorts. We're thinking of 'anti-establishment' resorts," Mr Berk said, meaning user-friendly places with big TVs, fabulous sound systems, and a cool attitude that will attract the young.

guises. But the priority is developing the Hard Rock brand itself, which represents

to its youthful clients a seduc-

tive image of cool rebellious-

ness, rock music, and nifty

As a natural extension of

this franchise, Hard Rock is

rock and new artists.

merchandise.

Seven months ago when we bought out Peter Morton ment department. Now we have 12 people working on it." Mr Berk said. But while the plan to build on the brand name makes good sense, it will not be cheap. "We're spending a lot of money." he

ortunately, Rank has cash coming from sales of assets such as its stake in Rank Xesuch as the \$80 million being pumped into new Hard Rock restaurants over the next 16 months. Equally fortunately, the restaurants give fast and generous returns. At present the chain is worth about \$400 million, with an annual return of about \$100 million.

The expansion of the brand and of public recognition of the Hard Rock name will also hit at the encroaching opposition. The Hard Rock Café was lounded או London והו 1971 by Mr Morton and Isaac Tigrett as a kind of American diner with attitude. It was an immediate hit and it was only a matter ot time before invitators came along.

The most successful has been Planet Hollywood, a diner themed on Hollywood films and backed by Hollywood stars such as Silvester Stalone. It chooses sites near to Hard Rock Cafés, serves similar food and has gained a considerable following. If it comes to a fight to the death between the chains, brand recognition will be crucial just as it is between Coca-Cola

Mr Berk's ambition is to convert Hard Rock from being simply an "entertaining dining experience" to a fullyfledged international enter-

tainment and leisure group. The process is just beginning. But if he succeeds, Rank may find itself the owner of one of the best known - and most precious — brands in the world.

Stronger sterling and periodic crises are reasons to join EMU

BUSINESS LETTERS

From Mr Jerry Jackson Sir, 1 read with interest Anatole Kaletsky's article

of public spending, then, Kaletsky suggests, the next Chancellor may tolerate excessive strengthening of sterling in the short term, allowing the seeds to be sown for the next sterling crisis.

depressingly regular part of And more recently I would suggest, aided by huge advancements in information technology, these crises are the actions of speculators. resulting in even greater consequential damage to the economy (eg. George Soros in September 1992). Until now I have believed

the UK Government should be very circumspect before deciding to enter into monetary union with our European partners. Now, in complete contrast

to his previous anti-EMU utterances, | believe Kaletsky may have put forward the strongest argument for EMU. Yours faithfully

JERRY JACKSON, Managing director. 172 St James' Road,

BAA retailing popular among passengers

Corporate and Public

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national bore on the subject of retailing at BAA's airports. What is it that really

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customers, because 90 per cent of passengers say that they want to see high quality shopping facilities at airports. Indeed, they continue to propose additional shops they would like to find there. This is confirmed by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. In its recent report on the company, it stated: "The general impression ... is that passengers find the experience of passing through the three airports more enjoyable than was previously the case."

Mr Conran, who uses his

well known name to get excessive coverage for his views on this matter, should simply accept that the retail facilities at our airports are (i) popular, (2) essential to the company's ability to fund vital airport infrastructure. and (3) the envy of most of the rest of the world's airports, which is why increasingly they are coming to BAA to discuss our management of this part of the

husiness. Yours faithfully DES WILSON, 130 Wilton Road. London, SWI.

Try not to do water industry a disservice

From the Director, Water Services Association

Sir. Christine Buckley's article (Water, water everywhere, but never a drop in price. October 16) simply does not present a balanced view of the water industry.

Here are just five facts that she might have included to give a more accurate picture. Fact One: The price of water would already have come down in real terms had it not been for the massive investment needed to out ris neglect of decades.

Fact Two: Prices are already rising less fast than in the 1980s even though investment has doubled. Fact Three: Over £17 billion has been invested by the

water industry over the last six years.

drinking water has never been higher, and bathing waters and rivers are cleaner than ever. Fact Five: Since last summer the industry has made sig-

Fact Four: The quality of

nificant progress in driving down leakage. The companies most affected by the drought have saved enough water to meet the needs of two million people. By all means criticise

where criticism is due, but your readers expect batanced reporting - not propaganda. Yours faithfully,

JANET LANGDON. The Water Services Association of England and Wales. I Queen Anne's Gate.

Acceptance of flotation far from mutual

From Sir Jeremy H. Beecham

Sir, I chose to take out pension policies and life insurance with the Norwich Union partly because it was a mutual office.

I am far from persuaded that the proposed flotation will be in the long-term interests of policyholders, as opposed to the short-term interests of executives and advisers.

I might be more readily persuaded if the society's executives adopted a selfdenying ordinance which excluded access to executive share options schemes and limited their future salaries and bonuses by reference to the return to policyholders (as opposed to shareholders). Will they do so?

Yours faithfully. SIR JEREMY H. BEECHAM 7 Collingwood Street. Newcastle upon Tyne.

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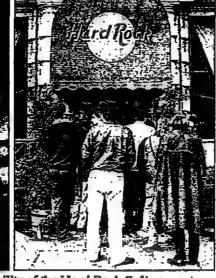
A Hard Rock Café is to open at the Atlantic City Taj Mahal casino next month

Richard Thomson on the chain's new lease of life

Hard Rock Café goes for a

bigger slice of the action





Jim Berk does not want to harm the credibility of the Hard Rock Café concept

and owner of the Taj Mahal in its characteristic style of pop memorabilia and informal eating. Hard Rock will take 100 per cent of the revenues of the restaurant it installs there, but will take no part in the gambling or hotel part of the business.

What Mr Trump gets from this arrangement is an association with the increasingly valuable Hard Rock brand Desperate to make his casinos more attractive in the face of growing competition from

trendier rivals, the Hard Rock theme ought to attract the younger crowd of gamblers who normally shun the rather staid establishments of Atlantic City. These moves, however, are

only one part of the expansion

planned by Hard Rock's ag-

gressive US based manage-

ment. There are now more than 60 of its restaurants around the world, but a further 22 are opening between now and 1997 in new areas such as Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. A few will be franchises, but the company prefers to run them itself because that way, it

says, it can more easily ensure the style and quality. Since there are already Hard Rock Cafés in many of the main cities in the western world, the company is planrestaurants so that it can have three or four in the same city - all under different dis-

British Airways may yet have its wings clipped

ing report must shortly come to an end with a statement by lan Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, on the pro-posed British Airways-Ameri-

can Airlines alliance. Why has it taken so long? We believe it is because the OFT has agreed with the views of a range of neutral organisations - from the Consumers' Association to the Air Transport Users Committee - and found this proposal to be anti-competitive. By favouring a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the OFT has made life rather uncomfortable

for Mr Lang. He must keep the consumer interest in mind as election time looms, but he is also under pressure from those who characterise the BA/AA proposal as good for "UK plc", Advocates of the alliance assume a protected home market monopoly position for BA must be good for British civil aviation as a whole, and choose to ignore any adverse impact on UK consumers.

The outcome of this debate is important to travellers to and from the UK. They may live with the impact of this decision for years to come, and if the alliance goes forward, they will through even higher air fares.

BA's business fares to the US from Heathrow continue to rise, being the highest per mile from any European city. Since BA formed its alliance with USAir in 1993, fares have continued to rise. The claims from BA/AA that the merger of the two largest carriers will in-crease competition and lower fares is simply not credible.

We believe the OFT recognises that as BA and American would have a huge market share at Heathrow, there is no prospect that business fares will come down.

BA has promoted its alliance as good for some foreign travellers using the airport as a connecting point. But why should British or American business passengers have to cross-subsidise these travellers by paying higher fares?

We are aware that BA holds up our alliance with Lufthansa as justification for its own plans. You have built your The American alliance could stifle

competition, says David Coltman

house, now let us build ours," the argument goes. Of course, each alliance presents different competition issues for regulators. Our alliance created no monopoly routes, was not opposed by any consumer groups and was thoroughly scruti-

nised by the regulators.

BA says United and Luft-hansa have a higher share of slots at Frankfurt than BA and American have at Heathrow. This is misleading because, unlike Heathrow, Frankfurt is not saturated. BA has a far higher share of available slots at Heathrow, than Lufthansa has of such slots at Frankfurt. But there are other points which need consideration. This is a global business where all of

omies around the world. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, welcomes foreign investment in the UK. But we too are making a significant contribution. United supports more than 2.000 British jobs. We have also boosted European economies by ordering 74 Airbus aircraft, directly participating in the success of

us contribute to trade and econ-

companies such as British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce. BA has never chosen to invest in Airbus products.

There really is more to the UK aviation industry than just BA. Would it really be right to promote that airline's interests at the expense of others such as Virgin or British Midland?

S o what should Mr Lang do? Ideally, he should still consider referring the deal to the MMC, although political expediency may intervene. If there is no referral, he has to ensure that a competitive structure is put in place that allows all airlines to compete on a fair and equal basis. In particular, airlines such as United and Virgin should be given the means to create real competition for BA/AA at Heathrow. After all, if we were brewers the OFT would be trying to achieve just that - to protect beer drinkers from higher prices through healthy The real solution is expansion of runways at Heathrow but that will not happen. So Mr



David Coltman wants the MMC to look at the alliance

services at Heathrow or monopolise available slots. Any proposals should be subject to wide consultation - the OFT has promised as much already.

But what is not fully understood in the UK is that there are other hurdles to overcome. Currently there is no legal mechanism for slot redistribution at Heathrow to those airlines best able to compete with BA and American. This mechanism must be created. In addition, there has to be a process to ensure that other airlines are able to compete by offering the same kind of singleterminal connecting flights envisaged by BA and Ameri-can. That means addressing

the issue of terminal space. There also has to be agreement between the US and UK on so-called Open Skies - the right for airlines to fly where

they want, when they want. BA and American can expect Department of Justice and the Department of Transportation. Americans have a legitimate interest in the outcome, and their needs will be looked at closely. There is no guarantee that the American regulators will share the same conclusion as the UK, or the European Commission, which is carrying

out its own investigation.
It is also inevitable that regulators will require that BA diseighth largest airline, and its existing US alliance partner. USAir itself wants out.

Alliances can work for consumers, as well as the companies they serve. The regulators have a duty to ensure that alliances enhance, not stifle, competition. BA and American's credentials as sensible partners are flimsy because overlap so comprehensively. If they were telecommunications companies, bus operators or brewing giants, it is doubtful that they would make it out of the gate. The BA/AA proposal may yet have its wings clipped and fail to fly — at least as currently envisaged. Business travellers should keep their fingers crossed.

David Coliman is Senior Vice-

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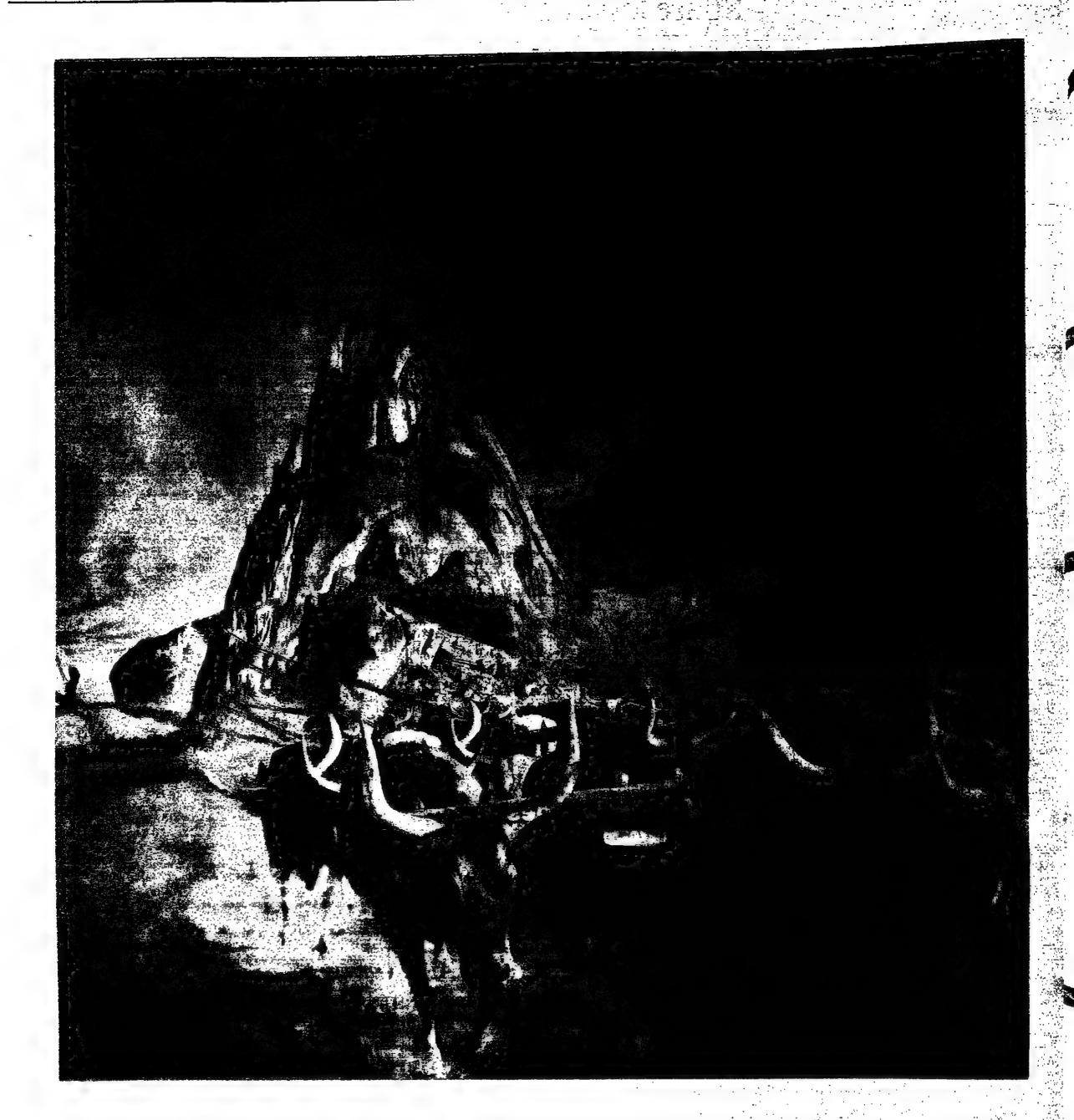
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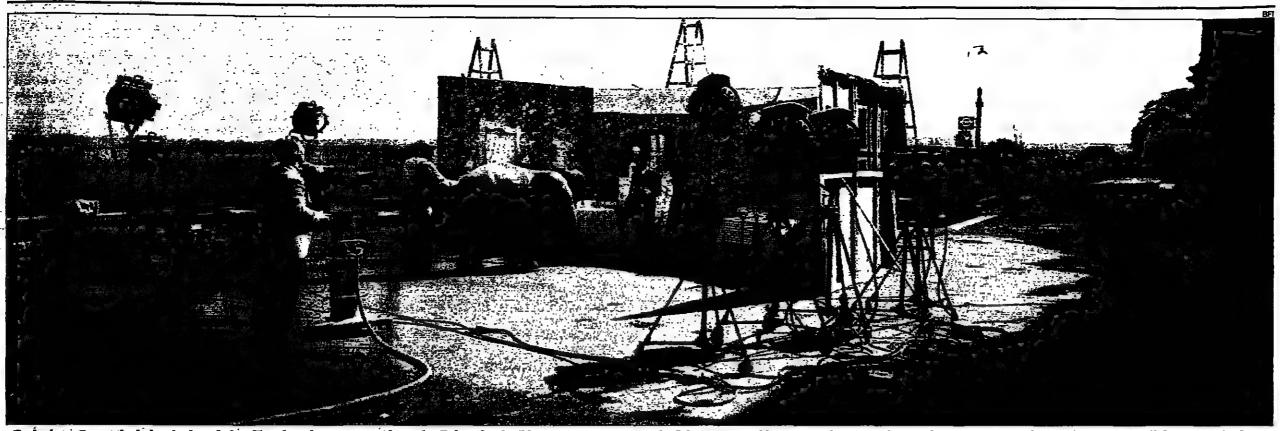
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Early days: Comet the baby elephant being filmed on the terrace at Alexandra Palace for the Picture Page programme in February 1939. Picture Page began on the opening day in 1936 and ran twice a week until the outbreak of war

The world's first regular public "high definition": television service was inaugurated on November 2, 1936. In his book Television Jubilee, which celebrated the twenty fifth anniversary back in 1961, Gordon Ross nicely dubbed it "the official birthday of BBC Television, for there was plenty of "prenatal" activity.

The great prophet of the medi-um, John Logie Baird, had demonstrated a prototype transmitter 11 years earlier. In 1928 Baird reported his first trials in colour television, and in 1931 he conveyed the climax of the Derby by a form of outside broadcast camera to a

But Baird's system was mechanical rather than electronic and rivals took; to the field to explore other possibilities. While transmission with pictorial illustration was clearly of interest to the sole broadcaster of wireless to the nation, the BBC, if only in terms of a perceived threat. BBC contact with Baird was at an u ievel in die auto phy, Sermons, Soap and Teleor (published in 1988, long after his death). Baird reveals that the BBCs chief research engineer, a. to write about them. Television Mr Kirke, was exchanging trans won't matter in your lifetime or

It will never catch on

missions down the telephone line As BBC Television marks its 60th birthday, W. Stephen Gilbert with Baird's laboratory in Upper St Martin's Lane as early as 1926. But recalls the race to transmit pictures before war called a halt Kirke was found out and the trials

Television was contemplated with no official enthusiasm at the mine," her editor, R.S. Lambert, solemnly declared.

Goldie differed and went on to enjoy a pivotal career in television. In her autobiography of 1977. Facing the Nation, she exceristes the BBC mandarins at Broadcasting House who were culpably. naginatively and selfishly blind to the potentialities of television".

establishment. Later in life, Reith thought of television as "a social Most people did think of it, in a menace of the first magnitude". phrase of the time, as an expensive flash in the pan. Nevertheless, Ramsay MacDonald's National Pew took the sanguine view of Grace Wyndham Goldie, who in 1936 was the broadcasting critic of Government thought the medium the BBC-owned magazine, Theof sufficient merit to set up in 1934 a Listener. She was permitted to committee "to examine how it mission from the BBC's Alexandra far-sighted chairmanship of Lord Palace studios to the Radiolympia Selsdon, the committee recomexhibition in August 1936, but not mended that a national service should be created and that the BBC ... of the Baird Company's equipment should administer it. By this decl-

sion, British television was at once protected against two forces which would limit and distort the medium elsewhere in the world: government interference and commercial

Selsdon also decreed that two distinct televising systems should be operated alternately until one was seen to prevail. Hence two studios were set up at Alexandra Palace, one for Baird's film-scanning device and the other for the Emitton iconoscope developed by EMI and Marconi. The opening ceremony was transmitted twice by each rival in succession, the sole tive of the bidder spoke for his particular system.

Before the month was out, most was lost in the fire that destroyed

religious treasures of Mount Athos will go on public dis-play. This means that the half

of the human race forbidden

entrance to the monks' all-

male stronghold will finally

The architect enraged by

those frescoes is Professor Lois

Papadopoulos, a laid-back, bear-like man who takes me

on a tour of the works-in-

progress. First we pause be-side a work stopped in its

tracks. The Rounda was origi-

nally a mausoleum, then it

became a church, then a

mosque, and then a church

cum concert venue. Now in

perilous disrepair, it is barred

to everyone except parishio-

ners on Sunday. Two months

ago Papadopoulos and his

by protesters -led by the clergy

while police

Then we stop

at a series of

edifices: a gor-

looked on.

get a sight of them too.

the Crystal Palace. Even without this calamity, however, it was clear to all disinterested parties that the EMI-Marconi system would be

rogrammes were broadcast from Alexandra Palace to the small band of viewers — "lookers", they were called - for 34 months until the service was closed down for the duration of the Second World War. a plug-pulling so unceremonious that a Mickey Mouse cartoon was not even allowed to conclude.

But in that short period, formats good for most of television's first 60 years. In those prewar months, 326 plays were mounted along with operas, ballets, fashion shows and programmes featuring cookery,

chat. Major sports events were covered. Cecil Madden's Picture Page — "showing people of inter-est" — began on the opening day and ran twice a week for the duration, in the process inventing the magazine programme.

Cedi Lewis, one of the five BBC

founders in 1922, was paid £800 a

year to be television's director of

outside broadcasts. From his retirement home on Corfu, Lewis (now almost 99) recalls making the first programme about sheep-dog trials (Champion Sheep Dogs, November 24, 1936). "The cameras couldn't be moved then. We got four sheep, stuck them in the park outside the Palace and had cameras up in the windows. There were the chaps and dogs down in the park round for a bit, as well as we could from that position. We produced anything and everything that we could get hold of. We improvised all the time. We had to put a prog-

ramme out every day, so we did." Lewis vividly recalls the "enor-mous spaces" of Alexandra Palace. We worked in a large empty room which I suppose you'd call a studio. There was no proper gallery with windows to look through and nice people on the other side to tell you what to do. We just picked up the microphone and got on with it."

That room, the EMI-Marconi studio, still exists and so, more surprisingly, does the Baird, though neither is open to the public. Dilapidation is generally the order of the day at the sprawling Palace which, only a month ago, was finally accorded a Grade II listing. Roger Driscoli. who chairs the Alexandra Palace Television Trust, believes the move will encourage developers to re-store the studios and create a living museum on the site.

In a year when Shakespeare's Globe has been rebuilt on the South Bank, it seems little enough to ask that the cradle of television be restored and laid before the decriers, its innovators and its martyrs, the haphazard beginnings of television tell a very British story. It deserves a permanent, interactive memorial.

Michael Church on the squabbling in Thessaloniki, next year's European Cultural Capital

more man 50 paces anywhere in Thessaloniki to realise something is afoot. Roman arches are swaddled in wraps, mosques nestle in scaffolding. Byzantine churches suddenly look new.

In the neo-Byzantine cathedral an army of artists is painting frescoes on hitherto plain walls, in acrylic colours and acres of gold leaf, but in back-to-basics Christianity he and acres of gold leaf, but in an antique style: a shiningeyed executant explains that these will be the equal of the celebrated frescoes of Mount Athos -no, they will be better.

Wander into an exquisitely restored Art Nouveau mansion in the city's former Jewish quarter, and you get a tirade about these frescoes from an architect so anery he can hardly speak. He blames the

Greeks bearing controversial gifts

were abruptly terminated.

BBC, and nobody was more refue-

tant than the Corporation's founder

and first Director-General, John

Reith. As his biographer lan McIn-

tyre confirms, Reith made little

diaries either before or after its

ference to relevision in his famous

Next year Thessaloniki is taking its turn as Cultural Capital of Europe, and this aesthetic spat is just one of many conflicts which the city's temporary enthronement has brought to a head.

The Art Nouveau mansion is the headquarters of the Cultural Capital project. Originally owned by a Turk, then

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commandeered by the Nazis, then housing Nato, and there-after the Red Cross, it reflects the vicissitudes through which the city itself has passed.

The Greek Government is left of centre, while Thessaloniki — Athens's northern "cocapital" — is staunchly rightist. Cultural Capital funds are channelled via Athens, and between Athens and Thessaloniki there is a long history of rivalry. What's more, the local committee overseeing next year's jambo-ree is split along similar political lines. As a result, what should have been a concerted cultural push by a city seizing its chance is riven by factionalism.

When I visited the project two years ago it was headed by a formidable Eurocrat named Anne Haritou, who had previously been the right-hand woman of Melina Mercouri (begetter of the Cultural Capital concept). Now Haritou and her entire team are gone, and

a writer named Panos Theodoridis is installed in her place. It emerges that two other artistic directors have come and gone in the meantime: the composer Stavros Xarchakos (who lasted five months) and the pianist Yan-

nis Vakarelis (who managed six). How come? "They were outsiders who didn't understand the aspirations of this city." explains Theodoridis briskly. "I am a Thessalonian and I do. I shall stay the

course." Among those who fervently hope he does are the local British Council, which has been driven mad by the con-stant changes of plan. Brit-ain's official contribution to the festivities will include Anthony Caro's huge sculptural assemblage The Trojan War, as well as drama and music; things are not yet finalised.

Nor are the home team's plans. "Pens are still poised over contracts," says Theo-doridis, but he happily runs through his list: productions by Peter Hall, Franco Zeffirelli, Peter Stein, Giorgio Strehler, Robert Wilson - yes, the usual circus. Glasgow cultural capital in 1992 - is for him the touchstone of success (the celebrated Saatchi campaign still reverberates).

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Rising stars in the arts firmament

PAUL KIEVE

Name: Paul Kieve Age: 29

Profession: fliusionist and theatre effects designer. Coming up: Kieve is designing the ghost effects for Scrooge which previews at the Dominion from Novem-

So how do you make ghosts appear on stage? "As a member of the Inner Magic Circle I am rather reluctant to reveal my secrets."

Oh go on. Please: "I won't say a word. I even get casts who work with the illusions to sign secrecy contracts. But, as a small clue, I get most of my techniques from Victori-

an works on illusion." How successful is he? Very. Over the past five years Kieve has become the theatre's most sought-after effects



turn into mice in the finale of Roald Dahl's The Witches (currently on tour), and he is renowned for his work on Stratford East's production of The Invisible Man, which featured 50 illusions, and for English National Ballet's Alice in Wonderland. He has Copperfield.

Does new technology help? "I hardly use it, although I'm not afraid to. My work tends to be based on 100-year-old techniques."

How long does it take to create an illusion? "The finale of The Witches took several months to create, whereas working out how to make coins disappear in a production of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern took a twohour discussion with the director and Tom Stoppard." The future: "I've got a few ideas for some shows that I would like to see happen." Such as? "I don't want to say in case anybody else does them." Typical.

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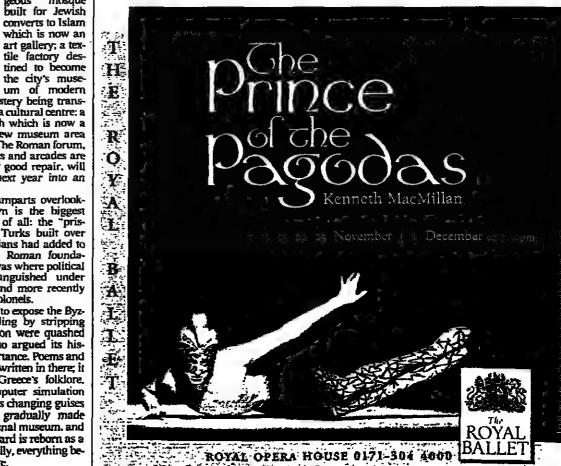


Thessaloniki's

tined to become historic Rotunda the city's muse-um of modern art; a monastery being transformed into a cultural centre: a Turkish bath which is now a theatre; a new museum area in the port. The Roman forum, whose streets and arcades are in strikingly good repair, will be turned next year into an

On the ramparts overlooking the town is the biggest conundrum of all: the "prison", where Turks built over what Christians had added to the original Roman founda-tions. This was where political prisoners languished under the Nazis, and more recently

Proposals to expose the Byz-antine building by stripping out the prison were quashed by those who argued its historical importance. Poems and novels were written in there; it is part of Greece's folklore. Now a computer simulation will reflect its changing guises while it is gradually made ready as a penal museum, and its exercise yard is reborn as a theatre. Finally, everything becomes culture.



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Mahler's Tenth Symphony is performed by the LSO

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Diana Rigg brings Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf into the West End

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■ CHOICE 3

Joshua Beli plays the Sibelius Violin Concerto in Nottingham VENUE: Tonight at the Royal Concert Hall



OPERA

The hottest ticket in Finland is for Insect Life, an adaptation of Capek's satire

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HAPPY DAYS: Rosaleen Linehan plays the immured Winnie in Karel Reisz's production for Dublin's Gate Theatre Hera lox two weeks Almelda, Almaida Street, N1 (0171-359) 4404) Opens tonight, 7pm Then Sat 7 30pm met Sat, 3pm, Until

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ELSEWHERE

ABSTOCEN Remisers Dence Company arrives here on the fourth leg of this year's arrums British four The vaned repertaire includes Christopher Bruce's enduring hits Rooster and Swensong and Ivm Brandstrup's new

THE ALCHEMENT Broom Callow.
Jose Lawrence and Tim Pigoti-Smith in 88 Alexander's Jonson production from Brimingham Rep, set in a post-apocatyptic luture. The clever effects, needed some polish a month ago, and maybe they be now segreed them. maybe they've now received them National (Ohvier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight and tomorro 7 15pm; met Thurs, 2pm in rep

EART Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Ken Stort in suceptonally interestin drama about hierdiship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white carvas. Matthew Warchus directs Wyndheem's. Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (1711-369 1736) Tur-Sat, Born, mats Wed, Ipm, Sat and Sun. Spm.

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the Prince in a production by Philip
Franks, a director who has done great
thanks have.

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NEW RELEASES

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TROMEO & JULIET (18): Crude uvenile updating of Shakespeen racedy from the internous from company Uoyd Naumen directs Jane Jensim and Wit Neeman MGM Procedity (0171-437 3561)

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

ballet, working title Marschalim (tonight and tomorrow). Bruce's Moonstate (to songs recorded by Bob Dylan). Robert Cohan's classic Stabar Majer and Didy Cohart's classic Stabal Mager and Didy veldman's popular kol Stricha (kilice of Celebration) will be performed on Findey and Saturday His Majadry's, Rosemount Viaduct (01224 641) 22) Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm.

GLASGOW Robert David MacDonald directs Edward Albee's Sessicarpe, a decidedly strange play in which two humanod lizards energe from the sea and comment upon human life. Chizans (Statis Studio), Gorbals (0141-429 0022) Opens tonight, 7:30pm Then Tue-Sat, 7:30pm Until November 23

NOTTINGHAM The District National Radio Symphony Orchestra concludes its her-day four of Britain, as part of a celebratury concert season marking Copenhagen as the 1996 Cultural Capital of Europe Cheek conductor. If Schumer diserts conductor Url Schumer directs Bruckner's last, unlinished Ninth Symphony, and the American virtuoso Joshua Belt joins the orchestra for

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7 30pm, mat Set, 3.30pm □ NEVER THE SIMMER: John Logan's play based on the Leopoid and Loeb mutder case, performed by past and present pupils of King's Coffege School Wirroledon, and one mambirt of staff Highly praised at Edinburgh and

CINEMA GUIDE

Brown's assessment in London and (whom atted with the symbol •) across the country

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WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY (15) Sensitive, tree-wheeling French film about a young Parlman (Garance Clavel) searching for her cat and a meaning to like Director, Cédno Klacksch

Cholses (0171-351 3742) Curzon Maytair (0171-369 1720) Renoir (0171-837 8402) CURRENT

THE ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO (U): Pleasant new version of the classic rate, mixing humans

Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square (0115-948 2626), Torright, 7,30pm (§) PLYMOUTH: Returns only for Welsh National Opera's revivel of Goran Järvetet s 1984 production of Puccha's competing love story. La bohème conducted by Graham Jackson tongin; and Gareth Jones (Endey). The company's three-night residency also includes a new production of Mozari's Don Govarini (tomorrow), conducted by Anthony Negus. The cast includes the taken barrione Davide Darmani in the title role, with Anvel Huw Morgan as Leporello and Cara O'Sufficial as

Leporello end Cara O'Sufixan as Donna Anna. Both operas are sung til Rateri, with English surtities. Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (01752 267222). Tonghi-Fn, 7 15pm. [5] LONDON GALLERIES

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OPERA: Finland hatches a teeming ants' nest; and Dohnányi sails through a complex score

Bigger than the beetles

t had to be only a matter of time before Josef and Karel Capek's allegorical satire, The Insect Play, achieved its metamorphosis into opera. With its fast-moving tableaux of sex-crazed Butterflies and capitalist Dung Beetles, its recurring leitmotiv of a Chrysalis crying for birth into a brave new world, and its savage Ant apocalypse, it might have appealed to Janácek. Shostakovich or Schnittke. But a Finn has done it: Kalevi Aho's new Insect Life at the Finnish National Opera

is the hottest ticket in Insect Life Helsinki

The 48-year-old Aho is the Capeks' ideal parmer. His music and his thoughtful polemic writings are propelled by an implacable social conscience; his nine symphonies are criss-crossed with emotional ambiguities and stylistic allusions: and his own "polyphony of independent musics" articulates a distinctive wit and vision. But just as Helsinki had a long wait for its new opera house, so Aho has had to wait ten years for the premiere of insect Life. Some of Aho's frustration at the delay were channelled into his Seventh Symphony, virtually a suite of the opera's music.

The opera, too, is suite-like; yet it is driven forward by an inexorable energy, born of both Aho's commitment to his theme and his symphonic experience. It begins with a slow crescendo, as it were, into opera: the composer himself, in evening dress, speaks a Prologue, the Tramp (Heikki Keinonen) lurches on, bantering with audience and orchestra, the Lepidopterist argues. Then, as the Butterflies flutter into dance, a foxtrot and a tango lead into the first aria proper, a love-poem sung by Butterfly Felix (tenor Lassi Virtanen).

THE second concert by Chris-

toph von Dohnanyi with the

Philharmonia since the an-

nouncement of his appoint-

ment as principal conductor

featured a work as challeng-

ing as any in the repertoire:

und Aron. Though this was a

concert performance, plat-

forms at either side of the

stage accommodated the

characters' entrances and ex-

its. There was no other at-

tempt to dramatise the action.

except by lowering the house-

lights to simulate a theatre.

This led to protests from those

who had assumed that the

libretto in the programme

The dark tread of bass strings, whipped and lashed by brass, rolls on the huge dung-ball and Mr and Mrs Beetle, a high woodwind scherzo signals the arrival of the short-lived and devoted parents-to-be. Mr and Mrs Grasshopper. Meanwhile, high on the hummocks which form Anna Kontek's earthy set, the Chrysalis (a radiant Anna-Kristiina Kaapola) sings her strange, high song, yearning for birth. Aho announces this each time

with a brass burst of Also sprach Zarathustra — an exceedingly risky idea which succeeds against all odds. Aho's real coup,

though, - and the major achievement of Insect Life's shrewd director, Jussi Tapola - is the Ant apocalypse. The stage's entire hummocky landscape rises to reveal a sort of insect Nibelheim in which the Ants slave away ("speed is the master of time!")
until their Dictator leads them to cataclysmic war ("world power for world peace!"). The score, multilayered and rich in allusion, mingles its manic marches with a deafening tape of the babel of war. The insect world destroys itself; the Chrysalis is born into a Mayfly, and lives and dances for one short, ecstatic day. The Tramp, in duet with her, sings for the first time, then dies himself, having learnt from her how to live.

Strongly east in its 35 solo roles, delightfully costumed, and fearlessly conducted by Pertti Pekkanen, Aho's opera deserves to be seen far beyond Finland. It should travel well; and English National Opera would be well advised to take a close look. Two more performances remain, tomorrow and on November 8.

HILARY FINCH



Without a net the Tramp (Heikki Keinonen) stalks a Butterfly (Anna-Lisa

Cream from a golden calf

performance. Surtitles had in fact been prepared, and a botched compromise resulted.

Otherwise, the evening was a triumph, in spite of the disposition of Philip Langridge, cast in one of the two ding roles. The American ienor Hans Aschenbach, familiar with the role from a production in Leipzig, step-ped in to give a highly commendable account of the part. In fact he managed to achieve what few can in the role; to retain an attractively lyrical

ineloquent character in a musically sensitive manner. As the recent Stein/Boulez

staging showed, the lack of

much credit for their grasp of the taxing parts, as do the minor soloists, too numerous to mention. Dohnányi guided voices and orchestra through the hideously complex score with calm assurance. A fastidious concern for clarity though Dohnányi was also keen to maximise unusual effects of dramatic colour, whether rasping trombone or eeric denatone. The performance exatone. The performance received a prolonged and

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obvious dramatic action in this work can be compensated for by skilful disposition of leading protagonist by taking first one side of the debate and then the other. (The nature of the debate - whether God can be perceived by the ordinary people without the aid of graven images was unfortunately obscured by the mistranslation of the crucial word "unvorstellbar", which here means a divinity not "inconceivable" but "unrepresentable".)

Terry Edwards's London Voices stayed put, but deserve was evident, well-deserved ovation.

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THEATRE: A classic John Osborne play echoes into the 1990s; plus new work in London and at the Dublin Festival

The old joker still the beast of the wall,

n ornate proscenium arch has been installed at the Hampstead Theatre, along with a lot of red plush and two cut-out ladies whose naked breasts light up and flash during the performance. This tawdry glamour is the spiritual home of Archie Rice, music-hall artiste, womaniser and hish, portrayed with unnerving skill by Michael Pennington in Stephen Rayne's production.

The Entertainer Hampstead Theatre

When John Osborne's play was first produced at the Royal Court in 1957; Olivier took the part, marking the Establishment's first endorsement of the Angry Young Man. "The Entertainer is [Osborne's] diagnosis of the sickness that is currently afflicting our slap-happy breed," wrote Kenneth Tynan at the time. The play, and subsequently the film. came to epitomise that time of disillusionment and cynicism, but it is surprising to see how that interpretation fits our own times.

In secdy digs in a coastal resort where the Rice family is currently installed, Archie's daughter Jean (Siri O'Neal) arrives unexpectedly to find her bestippered grandfather Billy (Julian Curry) settling down with a bottle of Bass and the evening paper. Archie is performing in his latest money-spinning venture, a nude show at the Grand, and his wife, Jean's stepmother Phoebe, is out at

The old man, a "real pro" in his day, abhors the kind of work his son is reduced to doing. "They don't want real people any more," he complains. You had to be a personality in those days." But Billy's time is past, and nobody listens to him. We see Archie's act for ourselves, in all its debasement. Despite his blue jokes, mock patriotic songs and a bit of tap dancing thrown in Archie is just a irritation for an a which has come to see the nudes. He knows it, which is worse, but he does



Family matters: Michael Pennington as Archie Rice and Siri O'Neal as his daughter Jean in Stephen Rayne's production of The Entertainer

years and borne him sons, one of whom is working with Archie while the other is fighting in Suez Jane Wood is a revelation as Phoebe, a woman so dizzy she can barely remain in her seat for more than a few moments and cannot even reseen that evening. But her extreme good heartedness is soured by gin into equally vehement fights. It is itself lorward.

humiliation that she has suffered at the hands of Archie, though mostly she still hides behind the phoney

In form though not in content the play itself seems oddly dated now. The plot is mired in the characters' tion of telegrams, letters, the arrival on stage to no dramatic effect

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with interest as coming from another era, but the underwriting of Jean's part leaves a vacuum in the story which should have been filled, at least temporarily, with idealism and hope. Rayne's excellent production has only one lamentable lapse of h is to put a real of a policeman at the door to drive whatever. Except perhaps to show itself lorward.

mance was an historic occasion in a melancholy way because of the absence of the respected theatre critic Jack Tinker, who died that day. When his death was announced at the end of the performance, it was which was as genuine from the stage as it was from the auditorium.

CLARE BAYLEY

on the boards

This year, Project Arts Centre firmly invaded the territory on which the official Dublin Theatre Festival chose not to tread in picking productions for its mini festival of experimental

The centrepiece of this festival within a festival. Crisus's SAPA, brought to mind just what a fascinating avantgarde performance experience IRISH irs A Knockout

used to be. The voune company specialises in taking over a venue tin this case Dublin's now disused Iveagh Market) and turning it into a nasty, diesel-powered world.

A thundering waterclock which periodically doused the Iveagh floor; a vicious, spiky tricycle: a buzzing fur-covered chainsaw; an immense rotating movie screen-plus-fairground ride and a 30ft wheelbarrow all saw action on the SAPA battlefield. Making arresting props, however, requires different skills from producing powerful theatre. While Crisus certainly possesses the former competence, other elements, such as narrative, were left awkward and underdeveloped.

Meanwhile, Pan Pan Theatre Company's Taylor's Requiem dipped into dance, mime and performance art to pull out an extraordinary work, dotted with moments of

rich, theatrical image-making. The main festival programme climaxed in impressive style with three performances of Silviu Purcarete's Les Danaides, but 1996 was still a patchy year for homegrown productions, a fact boidly emphasised by the top award for an Irish production to a suburban farce, Stella By Starlight, by Ber-

But if Farrell still, inexplicably, finds infinite jest in the Dublin middle classes, new Irish productions at the festival were not always so anodyne in their choice of subject matter. Among the topics tackled were the social cost of Dublin's ever-expanding girth, the 1798 rising of the United Irishmen and the loves, pains and artistic strug-

gles of Dante Gabriel Rossetti. Last year's festi-THEATRE val presentation

from the Passion

Machine was Buddleig, a boisterous piece which crammed 29 actors on to the small stage at Project Arts Centre and climaxed in a demolition of the set. The action in Kitchensink. this year's offering from the company, takes place in a suburban housing estate under construction and over many vears. Four actors share all the roles, quick-changing their way from toy gun-toting kids on the run, to anginal old folks, furtively puffing on their terminal cigarettes.

Mercier's strength as a writer is an ability to be straightforward about his gloomy view of consumer-driven so cial decline without crumbling into didacticism. Nevertheless, Kitchensink misses the energy and tension that Buddleia's crowded stage offered.

Rough Magic provided a slow ride through the history of Irish drama with Stewart Parker's Northern Star. The story of yet another doomed Irish rebel hero - Henry Joy McCracken, a Protestant with a dream of an Ireland as a shareholders' democracy the production stepped from lime-lit melodrama through a some moments of starkly-lit

LUKE CLANCY

Taking partners for the last warts

ing area not much larger than an average kitchen, the Bush Theatre has inspired designers to come up with ingenious ways of

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suggesting that the audience is in a forest glade, overlooking an archery field or, incredibly, beside a marshalling yard where (all done by mirrors) rail track vanishes into the distance Robin Don designed that particular marvel, and the proportions of the Bush's mporary home at the Lyric Studio - ground area and height of an average house must have seemed uncum-

monly generous.

For David Ashton's new play, set beside the sea in some bleakly religious Scottish town. Don provides the faded interior of a dance hall with a glimpse of the promenade beyond, and hangs above it one of his skyscapes of driving rain clouds. The effect is appropriately confining for a play concerned with resistance to the oppressions and hypoc-

Buried Treasure Lyric Studio, W6 set fire to the

church, but cannot say why; returned to the community from hospital he defiantly re-opens his dance hall, the place condemned from the pulpit by the local minister. By the end of the play the townsfolk have set fire to the hall, but Frank has remembered the blank two hours of his life.

In retrospect the development and denoument seem too theatrically neat, but Ashton's writing has always pulsed with a vitality that can shove doubts aside when we watch his characters in battle. The play pits the grittily determined Frank (Alexander Morton) against his old rival and unctious traitor, the Rev Robert Sneddon (Jimmy Yuill).

In its way, Buried Treasure is as tight as middle-period Ibsen, even to the scene of selfdiscovery through crisis. Rob-in Lefèvre's production steadily tightens the tension, allows it to snap, then builds it again, and the company of five passionately inhabit their



Alexander Morton and Jimmy Yuill come to blows in David Ashton's Ibsen-esque Buried Treasure

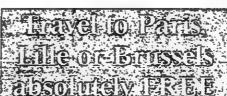
roles. Colette O'Neil's Sadie, mocked as a witch for her weird ways, has a voice like a piercing sigh and can fix our attention upon her simply by sitting motionless. Jennifer Black plays Linda, loved by one man, carried as a trophy by the other, and briefly sings

Stormy Weather, leitmotiv of the play, in a rich, irresistibly danceable voice. As her val iant son, the young actor Anthony J. O'Donnell conrecently in The Winter Guest.

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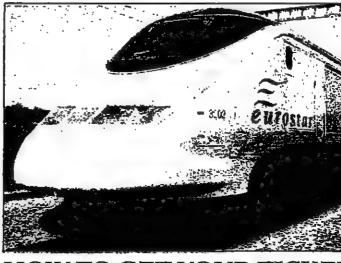


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Roswell Rudd Vortex, N16

Quartet with Lee Konitz. On this occasion, he was sharing front-line duties with a fellow Carla Bley band alumnus, saxophonist and saxello player Elton Dean. Dean is celebrated these

days chiefly for his freelyimprovised playing, and the rest of the band — pianist Alex Maguire, bassist Marcio Mattos and drummer Mark Sanders - are also among this country's most skilful operators in that area. It was

therefore no surprise that the

quintet devoted both of their hour-long sets to seamless collective improvisations in which an extraordinary range of moods was conveyed not only by the rhythmic and dynamic variety of the spontaneously created

music but more important- by the timbres and textures achieved Rudd and Dean.

The trombone is often said to be the instrument whose sound is closest to the human voice and Rudo has always been unequalled in his ability to "speak" through it. He ran through the whole panoply of sounds, from low rasps and growls through affecting mewls and whimpers to uninhibited shouts and roars, shadowed every step of the way by Maguire, Mattos

Dean, too, conjured an intensely human sound from his horns, his famously astringent

tone, particularly on his trademark saxello, providing the perfect complement to Rudd's full-bodied eloquence. When a conventional tune was eventually played, it was entirely fitting that it should have been

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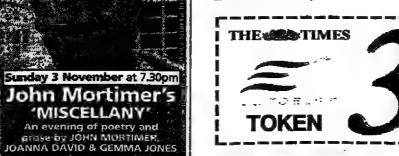
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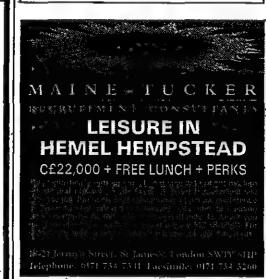
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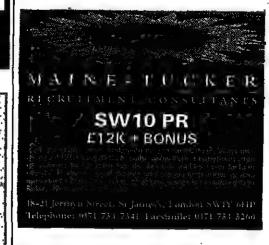
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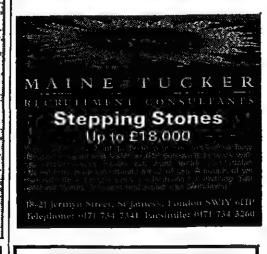
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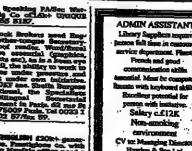
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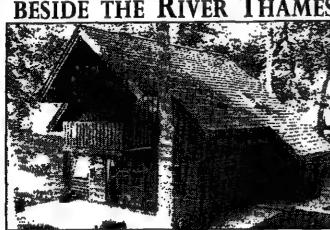
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Rachel Kelly spotlights an award-winning £1.5 million reconstruction of a historical house which was ravaged by fire

Like a phoenix from the ashes

Price were dining in London when the call came. Their Lincolnshire home, the 17th century Harrington Hall, was on fire. They drove through the night in scenes reminiscent of Rebecca when the De Winters learn that

Manderlay is burning.
They arrived shortly before midnight to find 20 fire engines and 150 firemen, a clutch of neighbours, the estate agent who had sold them the house, the rector, the gardener, and practically the butcher, the baker and the candlestick

It was very dramatic. The rain was lashing down. We were very touched that so many people had turned out. They were very supportive. I hadn't realised how warmly held the house is in people's

NEW HOMES

the fire began. The Prices had begun restoring the house they had bought eight months ear-lier, redoing the roof, rewiring replumbing. Fortunately, and they had yet to move in their furniture and belongings. The likelihood is that an electrical spark lit the wood panelling.

The Prices decided that night that if it was humanly possible, they would rebuild the house from its smoking

T think the welcome that friends and neighbours gave us reinforced our desire to rebuild, says Mrs Price.

Five years later, the Prices are putting the finishing touches to an estimated . £1.5 million restoration, courtesy of Lloyd's insurers. Next week, the house is to be

awarded with a Europa Nostra award for the quality of the work. Set up in 1978, the awards recognise projects that contribute to Europe's heriHall, the award recognises "the dedication of private owners and the skills of all concerned in the remarkable rebuilding and conservation of a house mostly destroyed by

fire".

"Lloyd's came up trumps.
The day after the fire, we knew
we could start on the work," says Mrs Price. Their experience is instruc-

tive for any homeowner faced with the devastation wreaked by fire. The first step was to erect scaffolding to cradle the remains of the house. By July 1992, seven months after the fire, the Prices had an empty shell with a new roof. The remaining structure was saturated with water from the firemen's hoses.

We've still got a fan going in the cellar," says Mrs Price. The top of the house naturally dries out first as the water seeps down through the floors.



You start living in the house from the top down."

Restoration revealed the earlier structure of the house including three layers of tiled flooring. "Once work began, it was just so exciting," she recalls. "It was such a busy place, what with cranes lifting up steel beams, and everyone working towards a common

The Prices employed six full-time builders. In all, about 60 craftsmen, scaffolders, roofers and plumbers have worked on the house under the watchful eye of Terry Hodson, the foreman from the local buildет. Tasker's of Digby.

"I think we are lucky in still having these specialist craftsmen down here," says Mrs

In the end, they recreated the outside of the red-brick house exactly as it was. The entrance and staircase halls are as they were, restored using surviving fragments of panelling.
Mrs Price discovered an

unpublished photograph of the 17th-century attic stairs in Country Life's archive, which allowed them to be reconstructed from salvaged timbers by the Spilsby craftsman Rob Ley. The Prices reused some 400-

year-old oak from the attics wherever possible. Inventive new interiors have been created by the designer Christopher

He has designed new rooms round the long corridor which from the old service quarters to the main reception rooms which have windows on all three sides.

A team of craftsmen and designers, including five Lincolnshire joinery firms, have provided variety, with the small rooms elaborately decorated and the large rooms simply treated.

Mr Nevile has incorporated the traditional country-house distinctions between "masculine" rooms of dining room. billiard room, and library which are soberly decorated,

The house nearly died. We have nursed it back to health'

and the "feminine" rooms, such as Mrs Price's room and morning room, which are painted pale colours and enjoy a touch of fantasy. The gunroom has been

turned into a kitchen, with room for informal entertaining, with yellow and blue walls and witty light fittings made by Catherine Purves. The Aga cooker has a tile

ANSWERS

Worries about roads and conversions

WE RENT a house on a country estate and our neighbours have told us that our landlord intends to convert a barn next door into a bungalow. When the work starts it will probably be noisy with the builders. Our contract says we are entitled to peace-ful enjoyment of the property". Can we complain?

A: The clause stating "peaceful enjoyment of the property" means that as long as you are responsible for rent payments, you will be free from interference from the landlerd, says Willie Manardes, from Macfarlanes solicitors.

"Unreasonable" levels of noise means if the work took a unreasonably long time or was not carried out in the normal manner, says David Buller, commercial director of Welling Partners.

O: I WAS shocked to read in The Times (October 8) of the couple whose house was transformed into a worthless liability after the local council announced plans to build a major road from their back door. My family is intending to relocate to Norfolk în 1997. Can you give any advice on how we can investigate this sort of situation?

A: Don't panie! That was an extreme case. That aside, you are still wise to be taking precautions, says Martin Shaw, director of planning at Norfolk County Council. The best starting point would be Norfolk County Council (01603 222222).

Q: I BOUGHT a flat five back into the home in April. years ago. It was originally above a taxi company office. but last year an Indian takesway moved in and the smell of cooking is sometimes overpowering. What can I do?

A: The law is probably on your side, says Patrick Downes of Chapman Warren Consultants. Check with your local council's planning department about planning permission. Secondly, under the Environment Protection Act of 1990, smell is now counted as a

Additional research by Mark



Mrs Shervle Price in her rebuilt library: its Baroque style was inspired by the Wren Library at Lincoln Cathedral

from the ashes, naturally. The Baker Nevile Design 0171 former kitchen, with its Ed- 403 3137

wardian range exposed, is

now a billiard room. The

morning room is papered with

pictures of insects, birds, and

animals living round Har-

rington Hall, together with the house's emblem, a phoenix,

inspired by a scheme in a

octagonal bathroom was in-

spired by a room in the Musée

Carnavalet, Paris, The Wren

Library at Lincoln Cathedral

was the model for the Baroque

decoration of the paperback

library.
In Mr Price's dressing

room, there are drawers and

cupboard which take the form

Mr and Mrs Price moved

1994, with their two grown up

children. Mr Price is deputy

Management.

chairman of Mercury Asset

was quite daunted by the

house," concludes Mrs Price.

"A house like this imposes a

certain obligation. I feel as

though the house became ter-

ribly sick and nearly died. We

have nursed it back to health.

Now I feel the house is entirely

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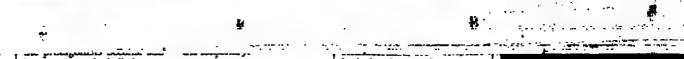
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Bailey continues revival with Cheltenham double

RACING: FINE START TO SEASON ADVERTISES TRAINER'S RESILIENCE

THERE have been moments in the past few months when Kim Bailey has wondered if things could possibly get worse. Dismay and divisions in his training career and public distress in his personal life conspired in such a depressing cocktail that the whisperers of the racing world competed with the gossip col-umnists to speculate bleakly on his future.

But yesterday, on the Cheltenham course where his wildest dreams were fulfilled only 18 months ago. Bailey's capacity to conquer adversity was advertised again. While the trainer spent the day seeking fresh blood at the Newmarket sales, his defiantly impressive start to the National Hunt season was maintained by two more winners.

Bailey, who last season slipped from third to seventh in the trainers' table, lies second to Martin Pipe this of Herbert Lodge, an exciting novice who has required a vast investment of patience during two years off with pelvic and sinus problems, gave fresh cause for optimism.

Herbert Lodge, baving only

his second run over hurdles, toyed with modest opposition after his market rival, March-ing Marquis, had been

Nap MICHAEL VENTURE (3.40 Yarmouth) Next best: Fine Times (2.30 Yarmouth)

brought down at the first flight. A relieved assistant trainer, Alex Hales, said: "Kim has been talking about this one for weeks. He has had a lot of problems but we think highly of him and hope he'll be back here in March for the Supreme Novices' Hurdle."

Two seasons ago, Bailey trained the winners of both the

Cop at the Cheltenham Festival. Last March he ended the meeting without a winner and, soon afterwards, split unhappily with his stable jock-ey, Norman Williamson. His head lad also left and conditional jockey, Timmy Murphy, recently departed. Meanwhile, Bailey's marital

publicity and, last week, his father died. It has been a precarious platform on which to launch a new season but Bailey has kept his balance and his nerve. His owners have been unflinehingly loyal and the ap-pointment of Conor O'Dwyer as No I jockey has so far been a smooth success. Yesterday's double, completed by Hunters

rides for his new stable. O'Dwyer, 30, is a consum-mate stylist and, although still based in Ireland, he has demonstrated his commitment to Bailey by applying for

Rock, improved O'Dwyer's

record to nine winners from 17

makes a lot of sense," he said. I can use my Irish licence here but it means I have to show my whip, helmet and body protector every time I

The arrangement with Mr Bailey is working very well. I don't mind the travelling and, because there are six-day enproblems brought unwelcome tries in Ireland, I can work out my schedule pretty easily, week by week. I've a lot of good horses to ride now and Mr Bailey takes priority apart, of course, from Imperial Call."

The Gold Cup triumph of Imperial Call promoted O'Dwyer's talent in this country and planted his name in Bailey's mind. The horse was due to make his comeback at Clonmel tomorrow week but O'Dwyer reported: "I don't think he'll run. He missed four or five days work after an overreach and there is no point in rushing him."

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VESTERDAY'S



Herbert Lodge becomes the first of two winners for Bailey and O'Dwyer at Cheltenham yesterday

FONTAWELL PARK

3.05 Happy Valentine : 3.40 MICHAEL VENTURE (nap) 4.10 Comanche Companion The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 MICHAEL VENTURE 3.05 EUROPEAN ERIEDERS RIND HERMAGFLEET MADEN STAKES Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.55 Florid, 3.05 Damew 3.40 MICHAEL VENTURE (nep). TOTE JACKPOT MEETING 1:20 HEWPORT CLAIMING STAKES (22,833: 1m 6/ 17yd) (11 numer SETTROL 7-4 Influence Profee, 5-1 Cross Tale, 5-1 Well Assemble, 7-1 Bobby's Dream, 8-1 Flight Master, 17-1 Zeller, 14-7 others. 1995: MASHAAT 7-8-1 J Stack (3-1 lar) N Walker 14 star FORM FOCUS MSI - ARVANESD 594-310 ftr-Sackenacts in Spatial Association at Nothington Con 21, in Spatial at Nothington Con 21, in April 24, 241 Str. in General Control of the Control 1.55 CORTON CONDITIONS STAKES (£5.022: 1m 2t 21yd) (7 runners) BETTING: 7-4 Antholia, 5-2 Florid, 4-1 Medicillo Millados, 8-1 Mico Universal, 10-1 Poddiegion, 12-1 Terril, 1985: 8456EDQ 5-6-5 Grave O'Gorces (5-1) W O'Gorces & sec FORM FOCUS FLORED 2% 3cd to Bright Water in conditions seed at Memorarize (rim 21, good to Simp). PODDENSTON hast Billiand Ordinast 23 for 7-common matrices at 1 LingSald (firm 11, good to Simp). MEDABLE 1 Store (rim 21, good to Simp). MEDABLE 1 Store (rim 22, good to Simp) TUMB 111 78 to N MEDABLE 2016 2016 to New 7 to New Heart in hundrarp at York (rim 21 86yd, good to Simp). 2.30 LOUND NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,070: 5f 43yd) (11 runners) BETTING: 7-2 Hopsies, 9-2 Stypies, Sarahi, 6-1 Smill. Fine Times, 6-1 Expectation, 10-1 Royal Blackbird, 1965: DANDE PLYEN S-10 B Dayle (7-2) D Arbeitunt S ray FORM FOCUS STYGRAN dust Kilenifun Lad 2551 in massay at Leiotsten (Ri, pood to lion). NOPALEA 3561-3rd of 10 to Heart Rond-lar matches at Legisleid Ri, good). TOM 1561 School 16 to Start, Guest in nesser PHE THRES 361 2rd of 12 to General Paperint as matches at Highdook (St, soil). DEBERMAT AR 366 370 of 8 to Lady Disess in matches at Cateriok (Ri, good). SARRAS best Dorses's Daspoor band in 17-5 Selection: STYELAM (page)

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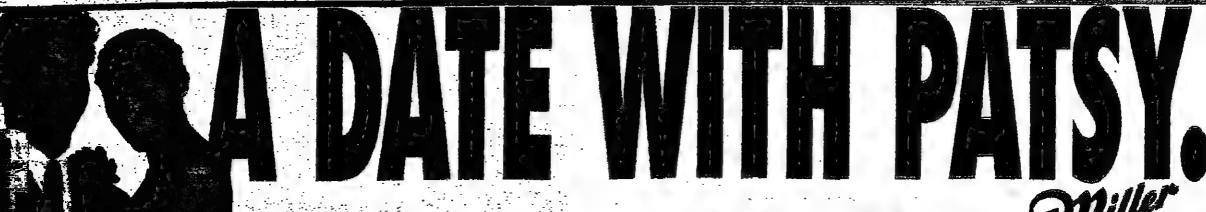
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1.35 (1m 3f) 1, Once Nove For Luck (A Culture, 5-4 fav). 2, Lote (7-4), 3, McGilyouddy Reads (7-7), 10 ran, NR Ecolle Du Nord, Lady Play Nk, 315t Mrs M Reveley, Tote: 52.40; 52.10, 51.00, 62.50, DF \$1.50. The: 61.40 (52.10, 51.00).	2 29-1 VICTOR BRAVO 23 (C.CD.F.S) N YOUNG 1-72-0. 2 94-1 KALASADI 44 (CD.F) V Same 5-11-1 4 97-5 MBRITAR SOF S) E HARMO 53 (C.F.S) (G. S.F.S) 5 9-30 SCUD NISSUE 23 (F.S.) E Johnson Haughton 5-11-3 6 17-2 SCOPIE MAY 23 (C.F.S) (G. Larin 7-10-13. 7 5233 MR SANGELE 23 (F.S.) S Earle 7-10-13. 8 454- OLD ARCHYES 225 (F.) L Wells 7-10-11. 9 -4UM ROSERTS PAL 23 (G.S.) A Moore 9-10-0. 8 48-4 Weber Brann, 7-2 Supplie May, 5-1 Mr Sangpie, Katsadi, 6-1.
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3.45 (7f) 1, Squeak (G Hind, 11-8); 2, Ophenechnology (6-5 law), 3, Kadeena (9-2), 4 ran. 23, 194. J Gosden, Tote: \$2.20. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.44.	1.10 CHELTENHAM SPONSORSHIP CLUB NA HUNT NOVICES HUNDLE (£2,787: 2m 110yd) (6 tur
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O'Duyer, 11-8 land, 2, Charles Parrott (10-1); 3, Samba Sheppiy (11-2) 9 mm 154, 8, K Balley, Toks 22-80; 51-40, £1-80, £1-40, DF. £18 ID Test £12/40; £1-86	1 -211 CELBATE 24 (D.F.G.S) C blum 5-11-11 R Dum 2 2-11 AFHB 18 (F.G) Mrs M Junes 5-11-11 D 3 -482 LOWAMATHA 19 (D.F) Mrs E Huth 8-11-6 A Th 4 34P- CRESOA 204 C Smith 7-11-0 Mrs
2.15 (2m 110)d hdle) 1, litter Rm (D Welsh, Evens lav); 2, Fronter Plight (7-1); 3, Kalzen (7-1), 5 nm. 41, 31. N Tunston-Dawes. Tolse: 21 90; 21.10, 22.50. DF: 24.40. CSF.	45 Jahle, 6-4 Cellule, 7-1 Lorenzilla. 75-1 Diesia.
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3.25 (3m 21 hole) 1, Hendars Rock (C O'Dwyer, 10-11 law); 2, Topping The Line (17-8); 3, Scennalech (6-1), 5 ran. 10, dest. K. Bantey Totic 21.90; 21.30, 21.30 DF 21.50. CSF 22.57	1 1P1- BLAZE AWAY 11F (F,G) I Building 5-11-10
Shalloy Total: £1.90; £1.30, £1.30 DF £1.60.	13-8 Steen Austy, 15-8 County II, 180-39 Freshille Mack, 12-1 Toy Ol P. Productori
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11-6 may: 2, Ancietot (8-4), 3, Childhay Chocolete (3-1), 6 mn. 7l, 15t. W Derms Tota 12-30, £1-30, £1-40 DF: £3.00 CSF	COURSE SPECIALISTS
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4.30 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, Doctor Green (A P McCoy, 2-5 (mt); 2, Ben Bowden (8-1), 3, Yezza (7-1), 8 mm 111, 151, M Pipe, Yote, £1.50; £1.50, £1.20, £1.10, DF-£2.60, £5F.	from 22, 13.6%; R Decido, 4 from 33, 12.1%. JOCKEYS: A McCoy, 11 element from 55 rides, 20.0%; R Dume

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FOOTBALL

Aston Villa must wait for police action on Bosnich

By Russell Kempson and Richard Hobson

MARK BOSNICH, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, will have to wait until next month to discover whether he will be charged by police after an incident in the game against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane on October 12. Bosnich made a Hitler-style salute to Tottenham supporters, an intended joke that he admitted later had backfired

Bosnich, who is not able to play for a month after undergoing surgery on his injured left knee, was subsequently interviewed by police under caution. "All the findings will be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service," a police spokesman said yesterday. Its decision is not expected until mid-November.

Villa will move closer to replacing Savo Milosevic before the end of the week. The Yugoslavia striker flew to Italy yesterday and is on the verge of completing his £4.5 million transfer to Perugia. Brian Little, the Villa manager, intends to step up his pursuit of Pierre van Hooijdonk, the Celtic forward and Holland international, as he seeks to reinvest that money. Van Hooijdonk's agent is in

Britain, ostensibly to discuss Celtic's improved terms for the player, who has scored 50 goals in 78 appearances for the Glasgow club. However, he is also expected to meet Little before returning to

Little is a known admirer of Stan Collymore, who is unsettied at Liverpool, still lives in Cannock in the West Midlands and supported Villa as a

child. Another alternative is vote to call a special meeting Emile Heskey, the Leicester City striker, 18, whose transfer would surely beat the previous most expensive between British clubs for a teenager — the £2.6 million Leeds United paid Charlton Athletic for Lee Bowyer. However, Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager

has pledged to keep his best players, including Heskey. Irving Scholar, the former Tottenham Hotspur chairman, has helped to launch a £30 million takeover bid for.



Bosnich: gesture

Nottingham Forest, whose 1-0 home defeat by Everton on Monday left the club languishing third from bottom of the FA Carling Premiership. Scholar is joined in a threeman consortium by Lawrie Lewis, a multi-millionaire based in Monte Carlo, and Phil Soar, a football author and lifelong Forest supporter.

They have met the club's board of directors, who will report to the annual meeting tomorrow night, when the shareholders are expected to

ly, it amounted to ten per cent, which gave the PFA £560,000

last year. However, the League

changed its rules at its last

annual meeting to make the

The PFA was due to an-

nounce the result of its ballot

on October 19, which could

have led to Nationwide

League players withdrawing

their services if the television

cameras were not turned off.

However, after eleventh-hour

discussions last week, a com-

promise was struck. Though

the PFA has not succeeded

in its efforts to have the

ten per cent restored, which

would have given it £2.5

million, they have agreed to a

£1.2 million package that more than doubles their pre-

vious share of the League's

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11/2 SCHOLES (M)

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4-0 28/1 FENERBAHCE 2-1

12/1 BOLIC (F)

14/1 TARIK (F)

14/1 KEANE (M)

payment discretionary.

would be illegal.

for the end of November, which would then approve changes to the constitution to allow a takeover.

The consortium says it will inject £10 million immediately and raise the remaining £20 million through a stock ex-change flotation next February. It will offer £12,000 to each of the 209 shareholders who hold an equal £1 stake in the club. Scholar and Lewis would join the existing sevenman board as directors, while Soar would become managing director. There have been three other offers to take over

Frustrated supporters of Brighton and Hove Albion, the struggling Nationwide League third division club, have voted to boycott the next home game, against Mans-field Town on November 9. The boycott was proposed by Dick Knight, the leader of the consortium that is trying to take over Brighton by ousting Bill Archer, the beleagured chairman.

"We may have to be cruel to be kind," Knight said. "It is one of the few routes we have. It can help to show Archer that he is not wanted by the

Brighton still have nowhere to play next season, when their lease of the Goldstone Ground expires, although it is believed they are close to agreeing a ground-share agreement with Gillingham.

Derby County have released Paul Parker, the former England defender who has been on month-to-month terms

AMERICAN FOOTBALL SECOND-HALF REVIVAL FALLS JUST SHORT FOR MINNESOTA



Salaam, the Chicago running back, makes a 13-yard gain in the lifet quarter of the victory over Minnesota

Bears send Vikings to another defeat

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

A TOUCHDOWN in the second quarter by Rashaan Salaam helped Chicago Bears to. beat Minnesota Vikings 15-13 in Minneapolis on Mon-

day night.
The Bears trailed 3-2 after the opening quarter but scored 13 consecutive points in the second period. Salaam's oneyard scoring run, which capped a seven-play, 58-yard drive, was sandwiched be tween field goals of 41 and 44 yards from Jeff Jaeger, the second of which was set up by Mark Carrier's interception of

a Warren Moon pass. The Vikings scored the only points of the second half in the third quarter, as Qadry Ismail completed a 54-yard touch-down to make it 15-10. Scott Sisson added a 43-yard field goal to close the gap to 15-13.

Dave Krieg completed Z3 of 35 passes for 187 yards with two interceptions for Chicago.
Moon managed 15 of 26 for 218
yards before leaving the field
with a sprained ankle in the

third quarter.

The Chicago special team had put the first points on the board through a safety, when Kevin Minniefield blocked a pun from Mitch Berger. They vere in action again in the fourth quarter, when Sean Harris blocked a field goal attempt that would have put the Vikings ahead. Brian Cox, the Chicago line-

backer, stripped Brad John-son, the replacement quarterback for Minnesota, in the closing minutes and recovered the fumble himself to seal the win for the Bears. The result meant a third defeat in four games for the Vikings and a record of 5-3, two games behind Green Bay Packers,

BASKETBALL

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Dunkley

Players call off strike over television money

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

THE long-running dispute between the Football League and the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) appears to have been settled, averting a possible strike by Nationwide League players. It is believed that the PFA has accepted a deal worth about £1.2 million to withdraw the threat of industri-

A meeting of the 72 League clubs in London on November i4 is expected to confirm the settlement, which was negotiated a week ago. The PFA polled back from the brink of announcing the result of a ballot among its members, believed to be overwhelmingly in favour of a strike, to take part in lastminute discussions with the

We had to compromise and so did they." a League spokes-man said yesterday. "The agreement is only provisional and we will be seeking the opinions of the clubs on the new offer, but it is likely that they will ratify it."

The dispute involved the amount of money received by the PFA from the League's television revenue, Traditional-

Norwich aim to strengthen position

By Russell Kempson

FOUR months ago, Mike That signalled a lengthy, Walker donned his shining often bitter, disagreement bearmour, saddled up his white tween the sides, particularly in charger and rode back to light of the League's new £125 Norfolk to rescue Norwich million five-year deal with BSkyB. The PFA wanted the City. The club had declined since his hasty departure 24 years earlier and was in ten per cent figure reinstated, desperate need of assistance. but the League refused, claiming that any industrial action

Walker has duly obliged. Norwich lie second in the Nationwide League first division and, this evening, have the chance to press their claims further for a return to the FA Carling Premiership when they play Sheffield Uni-

ted at Carrow Road. "People have labelled me a hero and the Messiah, which I think is a bit strong." Walker said. "We've turned things round pretty quickly, I think that's fairly obvious, but there's a long way to go yet. We haven't really achieved

anything yet."
Norwich's new-found enthusiasm was illustrated in their 3-2 victory at Birmingham City on Satur-day. "The adrenalin is flowing and the games can't come soon enough for us," Rob Newman, the Norwich defender, said.

"Sheffield are a big, awk-ward side, a bit like Birmingham, but if we can match them physically in the first 20 minutes, our passing game will then hopefully shine

through." Queens Park Rangers have also made progress, after an initially stuttering start to Stewart Houston's managerial career. They drew 1-1 at Sheffield United on Saturday and, tonight, play Ipswich Town at Loftus Road. "It's about time we started producing our away form at home," Simon Barker, the QPR midfield player, said.

Wolverhampton Wanderers have found similar problems on home soil, having suffered four successive defeats at Molineux. They attempt to rectify matters when they meet Huddersfield Town.

☐ Roy Keane, the Manchester United midfield player, is included in the Republic of Ireland squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Iceland at Lansdowne Road on November 10. He has missed the last nine in-

SCUAD: A Kelly (Sheffleid United), S Given (Blackburn Rovers), D Iswin (Manchester Linted). P Baibh (J.verpoot), J Kenna (Blackburn Rovers), C Flaming, (Michilesbrough), G Breen (Birmingham Coy), I Harta (Lects United), K Cumringham (Mynthester United), A Stoumbor (Aston Wile), A Townsend (Aston Ville), R Keane (Monchester United), A McLoughlin (Portsmouth), J McAleser (Liverpool), L O'Stiern (Tirtmarer), K O'Nelli (Norwich Chy), J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers), A Caschino (Marsesile), A Mochestin (Marsesile), Machestrough), D (Kelly (Sundefend)

EQUESTRIANISM: UNEXPECTED PROMOTION FOR HAMPSHIRE FARMER

Rowsell chosen to succeed Parker

BY JENNY MACAISTHUR

THE British Horse Trials Group surprisingly appointed Giles Rowsell, a former chef d'équipe of the British Young Riders Team, as chairman of the senior three-day event selection committee yesterday. Rowsell, a Hampshire farmer, and director of the Windsor Horse Trials, succeeds the popular Bridget Parker, who had been expected to serve another four years.

Rowsell himself had expected to take over from Christooher Schofield as manager of the Young Riders Team, but was rerouted to the senior team after what Timothy Taylor, the director of the horse

trials, described as "a flurry of last-minute discussions". Rowsell will also act as chairman of a new international committee that has been set up to help the development and training of British riders at international

The first task of this committee, which includes the chairman of the Pony, Junior, and Young Rider Teams, as well as Malcolm Wallace, a former senior chef d'équipe, is to appoint an international manager. With Mark Phillips, the obvious candidate, now resolved to stay with the United States team, Rowsell concedes that this position may be difficult to fill.

"We are not going to hurry into making the appointment," he said yesterday at the Horse Trials Group's annual conference at Lord's. "We may even decide against it if no one suitable can be found."

The Horse Trials Group (HTG) itself is nearing the completion of its own lengthy restructuring, which will see it formally split from the British Horse Society from January I.

In what John Tulloch, the outgoing chairman, describes as "the biggest change in the management, of our sport since its conception in this country nearly 50 years ago," the HTG will set up on its own as the British Horse Trials

Association (BHTA) under the chairmanship of Michael

Tulloch becomes president of the newly-constituted Brit-ish Equestrian Federation. Although the BHTA will have to leave behind its reserves of nearly 1900,000 with the BHS - an organisation that has charitable status -Tailoch is confident that it will become self-financing.

We will start with nothing but subscriptions, and horse registration fees all come in early in the year, and Badminton, in May, should boost resources," he said. Traditionally, Badminton gives more than £100,000 from its profits to the sport.

Spencer Dunkley threatens England's chances of fielding their strongest ever squad for

the European championship tie against Latvia at Leicester tonight (Nicholas Harling writes).
The 6st 9in forward, who plays for Limoges, in France, assured the national coach, Laszlo Nemeth, last week of his availability, but he had still not appeared when England began the final day of training for the crucial group

States at the weekend to visit his girlfriend, who is ill. I haven't a clue if he is coming." Nemeth said. "I've done everything humanly possible to make sure that everyone would be here."

B fixture. He is believed to

have flown to the United

England have missed Dunkley ever since he gained the last of his 11 caps in Birmingham 16 months ago, when he was the outstanding member of the squad that progressed from the European qualification round.

The compensation Nemeth is that all the other foreign-based players have joined the squad. Depending on whether Dunkley arrives Nemeth will not decide until shortly before tip-off which two players to exclude from his squad.

SWIMMING: OFFICIAL DISPELS WORRIES ABOUT NEW DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIALS

Sparkes gives Peyrebrune his backing

THE Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) yesterday defended the appointment of Michael Peyrebrune, a former Scotland international and record-holder, as its director of swimming.

Members of the British Swimming Coaches Association privately expressed concern about Peyrebrune's age, 32, and his lack of experience, both in terms of administration and coaching at international level. Some suggested that applications for the job had not been as strong as had

been hoped. However, David Sparkes,

said that there had been 14 "strong" applicants, some from abroad, and that while "some senior people" who had been expected to apply had not done so, "this is a young man's job and I was very impressed with Mike. He's a strong lad. This is not a

coaching job." In terms of experience, Peyrebrune's appointment contrasts with that of Di Bishop, née Wilkinson, 52, a former European championship silver medal-winner, as director of development, a new

Her arrival completes the

the chief executive of the ASA. Snelling, 64, the first national performance director for Britain, a position that came about. as a result of Britain's poor showing at the Barcelona Olympic Garnes in 1992. In characteristically confi-

dent style. Sparkes said that swimming now had "the strongest governing body in British sport". He added: "If we can't move forward now, and with Lottery funding kicking in, you can all come back and take a serious pot-shot at

He confirmed that the job specification for the director had changed since the departure of Paul Bush - who was team under Deryk also in his early thirties when

he assumed the role and has now taken up a post with the Sports Council - to take account of Snelling's arrival. Peyrebrune's competitive career ended less than five

years ago and for the past three years he has headed the swimming programme at Loughborough University. His efforts have never produced a national team member, senior nor runior, but Sparkes believes Pevrebrune's strengths lie beyond coaching. He is a graduate in the field of sports science, which Sparkes

welcomed, given that, "by his

own admission, Deryk is not a

sports scientist".

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SQUASH

Jackman soars to upper echelon CASSANDRA JACKMAN

has confirmed her breakthrough to the upper echelon of the international game with a 10-8, 9-6, 9-2 victory over the experienced Liz Irving, of Australia, in the final of the Carol Weymuller women's open championship in New York (Colin McQuillan writes).

Jackman, 23, the former

world junior champion who has hovered near the top of the women's senior game for nearly five years without penetrating the control of New Zealand and Australian players, won the Weymuller memorial event at the Heights Casino Club in Brooklyn, against world-class opposition. In the semi-finals, she defeated the world No I, Michelle Martin, for the second time in eight days. -

This confirms Cassie's progress into the small dominant player group," David Pearson, the England national coach, said. He has worked with Jackman over the past nine months to improve her court movement

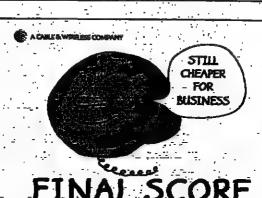


racket technique, "She defeated both Liz and Michelle in the world championships in Malaysia earlierthis month and to put them

both down again in such different playing conditions shows a new psychological edge as well as physical improvement." Despite regularly reaching

quarter and semi-finals in senior tournaments since she won the junior title in Bergen. Norway, in 1991, Jackman had won only six titles before this win. All of those were against low-ranked, mainly British, fields.

In the final of the men's Tournament of Champions at the Heights Casino, Jonathan Power, of Canada, beat Craig Rowland, of Australia, 15-4, 9-15, 15-10, 16-17,-15-9.



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Wasps demand points after postponement

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

WASPS are seeking two points. after the postponement of their Courage Clubs Championship game against West Harde-pool, which was scheduled to be played at Sudbury tonight. West say they cannot field the necessary five experienced front-row players, including replacements, because of injuries and Donald Kerr, the chairman of the English Pro-fessional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc), yesterday granted their request for a post-

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Geoff Huckstep, the Wasps chairman, said: "We wanted the game played, so we want to be awarded the two points now and we have written to Epruc saying so. We don't want to rearrange the fixture.

We want West to forfeit the points. We are not interested in the points difference issue." Wayne de Jonge and Paul Beal, the West props, are suspenden. Andrew Peacock. the hooker, has neck and eye problems and the front-row deputies. Paul Whitelock and Stuart Whitehead, are also

non-starters through injury. Harlequins, whose unbeaten record was ended by Brive in the Heineken Cup on Sunday, give their pack the chance to bounce back by fielding the same forwards against Sale in the league match at Brooklands tonight: Behind them, Will Carling resumes at stand-off half in a new partnership with Nick Walshe.

together as quickly as pos-sible." The lure of internation-

al places looms large, particularly in the tight where John Eales bopes to assemble

an effective unit around him.

Having beaten Italy 40-18

last week. Australia meet Scot-

land - whose team will be

named on Friday - on Nov-

ember 9, Ireland on Novem-

ber 23 and Wales on

December 1. They are still

seething at being denied a

grand-slam game with Eng-

land, though, if Campese is to be believed. England are no longer a significant force in

Six of Scotland's touring

party to New Zealand emerge

in A colours, among them the

lock, Scott Murray, who has

made such a strong impres-

SCOTLAND A: S. Lang (Heriot's FP); A. Stanger (Heriotis, M. Creig (Nottingham), R. Eriksson (London Sottlich), J. New (Wassonians); D. Hodge (Weisonans); G. Blurns (Wassonians); T. Smith (Watsonians); G. Etie (Canada, S. Esterior (Robotals)).

ALISTRALIANS: M Burks: T Horan, D Herbert, J Utile, J Roth, P Howard, S Payne, A Heath, M Folsy, A Blecins, T Kefu, J Enlec (captain), D Giften, D Wison, M Brist.

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Australia hoping to build for the future

THAT the Australians, with their vibrant, positive approach to the game, are touring once more in Britain is a cause for pleasure (David Hands writes). Whether we can expect quite as much of them this year. however, as we have come to expect in the past decade remains open to doubt as they start the Scottish leg of their visit in Galashiels, against Scotland A, this afternoon.

It is a side in the throes of change, as Greg Smith, their coach, stressed yesterday. There is a new management team and new players, most of them new to the ways of rugby in Britain, Not all, of course, since David Campese and David Knox are the two older heads and there is little in the world of touring that Tim Horan and Jason Little have

We are starting out again as an international team," Smith said. "We haven't played any real rugby since the match with South Africa in Blocanionacio in August so it's important for us to get back At least Carling should not be saddled with the goal-kicking duties, too Michael Corcoran, the leading points scorer of last season, plays on the wing in what should be the stiffest league test Harlequins have faced since their fivepoint defeat of Northampton a

month ago.

Jamie Williams reverts to full back, which is where he finished the match with Brive after injuries had forced Jim Staples and Steve Pilgrim out of the game. .

Dewi Morris, the former

England scrum half, is available for Sale after damaging ribs against Bristol a month He hopes to be partnering the New Zealander, Simon Mannix, who bruised a shoulder in the European Conference game with Agen at the weekend, but Sale's other New Zealander, the player-coach, John Mitch-ell, has a groin strain and his place in the back row goes to Dave Erskine.

Leicester, victorious in Pau, recall Rory Underwood against London Irish at Welford Road in order to rest Steve Hackney, who has appeared in 25 successive firsteam games.

There is a rare outing for Graham Rowntree on the tight-head side of the scrum. The England loose-head prop switches sides so that Darren Garforth can be rested. Will Johnson, younger brother of the England lock, Martin, plays at blind-side flanker rather than No 8, where his senior opportunities have usually occurred.

Leicester's final pool match in the Heineken Cup is against Llanelli on Saturday and the Welsh club is optimistic that leuan Evans and Nigel Davies, injured playing for Wales against France last month, will return. Wayne Proctor has recovered from concussion suffered against Italy earlier this month and a decision on his international colleagues will be made

RUGBY LEAGUE

Doubt over Goulding puts Harris on standby

FROM CHRISTOPHER IRVINE IN CHRISTCHURCH

A COLLISION in training with Andrew Farrell, the Great Britain captain, has left Bobbie Goulding doubtful for the final match against New Zealand here on Friday. Iestyn Harris is standing by to take his place, even though he has never before started a game at scrum half.

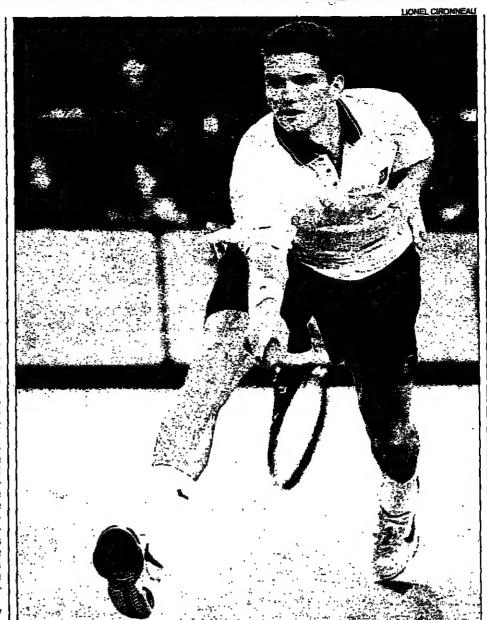
The recurrence of Goulding's ankle injury, which means he is "50-50" to start the game at Lancaster Park, prompted the switch by Har-ris in training yesterday. Should Goulding not recover, Karle Hammond, his St Helens colleague, will take the vacancy left by Harris at stand-off half.

Goulding had three painkilling injections in his ankle during Great Britain's second defeat in the three-match series at Palmerston North five days ago. Phil Larder, the Britain coach, will not announce his side until tomorrow because of the various injuries and the fact that he might have to recall Tulsen Tollett, who is on holiday in Sydney, as cover for Gould-

Despite a lengthy casualty list, Farrell, who did not train yesterday, and Alan Hunte should be fit. They have suffered from hip and hamstring complaints respectively. However, Anthony Sullivan is causing the most concern. The left wing pulled up after a run with a problem in his lower

Larder said: "We're trying to turn the fact that we've been down and they've been lucky to win one Test and squeeze out another to our advantage - by taking the positives out of our performances."

The Great Britain Academy team won the third match of their tour, a 44-14 defeat of Canterbury Under-19s at Christchurch yesterday. De-spite the fact that four players were sent to the sin bin. Damien Munro scored three of eight tries and Matthew Salter, a rugby union recruit from Blackheath who has made only nine appearances for London Broncos, added two further touchdowns.



Krajicek stretches for a backhand during his defeat by Berasategui yesterday

Krajicek shorn of menace

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN PARIS

ON THE day when it was stumbled out of the Paris Open in the second round. announced that the turf from beaten 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 by Alberto Wimbledon's No I court was Berasategui, of Spain. Since Wimbledon, Krajicek to have a new home at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne. has struggled with a knee Richard Krajicek must have injury, and while he has built

been wishing it could have been moved to Paris. up a good working relation-Nearly four months ago ship with his physiotherapists. Krajicek was on top of the world, having won his first grand-slam title at Wimblehis problems appear more mental than physical. Yesterday, he skipped through the first set before don. Finally, it seemed, the temperamental Dutchman falling apart in the second. He had broken through. Since called for the trainer, complaining of breathing probthen it has all gone wrong. Krajicek has reached only one lems. A couple of tablets and a drink of water later and he final and, more often than not.

than himself. Yesterday, he a string of wayward shots. The

match over, he stormed off, refusing to speak to anyone. He said later that he felt too ill to serve as the match wore on - an interesting analysis in that he served 15 aces, three

of them in the fifth game of the third set. It was all a far cry from those heady days when he was king of Wimbledon, whose officials have abandoned plans for Christie's to auction the turf from the demolished No I court and instead sold it

to Eastbourne council. It will be used to resurface their No I court and should be has been beaten in the early was cruising through the third ready for the pre-Wimbledon rounds by men ranked lower set, only to lose a 4-1 lead with Direct Line women's tournament next season.

IN BRIEF"

China take advantage of amateur whirlwind

PANG WEI GUO was the driving force behind a surprise 5-4 victory for China over Thailand on the opening day of the Castrol Honda snooker World Cup in Bangkok yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

Pang. a bespectacled 24year-old amateur from Peking, swept through his three frames, including a 78-2 success against James Wattana, while Tao Shan lost only once as China assumed the early leadership in a qualifying group that also includes England, Pakistan and the United

Arab Emirates. Robby Foldvari, a former world professional billiards champion, also completed a clean sweep of three frames as Australia defeated Holland 6-3. "Playing one frame at a time, with all the stopping and starting involved, makes things very unpredictable." Foldvari said.

Peace hopes

Rugby union: What may be termed as the silent majority of leading English clubs will have the opportunity today, in Northampton, to force the basis of a peace formula between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and the English Professional Rugby Union

Clubs (Epruc).
Club presidents and secretaries, as well as the chief executives who have been involved in the endless round of Epruc meetings, will be there and it is hoped that the full RFU negotiating team will attend.

Lehman's year

Golf: Victory in the Tour Championship in Tulsa meant that Tom Lehman, of the United States, the Open champion, finished top of the PGA Tour money-list for 1996 and also elevated him to second place in the Sony world rankings, behind Greg Norman, of Australia.

Natal link

Rugby union: Richmond, the second-division club, have been linked with the Natal Cabous van der Westhuizen. it was reported yesterday.

CRICKET

England A wait on late fitness tests

ENGLAND A will want on fitness tests for three players before making their selection for the opening match of their Australian tour against a New South Wales XI in Tamworth tomorrow.

Michael Vaughan, the Yorkshire opening batsman, is suffering with a back strain while Peter Such, the Essex off spinner, and Andrew Harris, the Derbyshire fast bowler, hit on the hand and foot respectively in practice yesterday, also face checks upon arrival.

Warwickshire are making enquiries about the chances of Brian Lara returning to Edgbastori as their overseas player for 1998. Dennis Amiss, the Warwickshire chief executive, said that the county had been in contact with Lara's agents in London. The 1998 season is a long way off - and we certainly wouldn't want Brian back unless he was hungry to play county cricket

again," Amiss said. Andrew Caddick, the England fast bowler, has agreed a new five-year contract with Somerset. Caddick's existing deal had him tied to the county for another two years but, after speculation sur-rounding his future at Taunton, the agreement has been

renegotiated. Jonty Rhodes made a rapid half-century to help South Africa register their third consecutive victory over India in the triangular Titan Cup tournament, in Raikot yesterday. Rhodes scored 54 from 77 balls as South Africa won by five wickets with ten balls to spare. chasing a low target of 186 to

South Africa - who have won 24 out of their 27 one-day matches this year — are assured of qualification for the final of the tournament on November 6, but the identity of their opponents will not be determined until the last game of the round-robin stage, when India meet Australia in Chan-

digarb un Sunday. Australia are considering asking india officials to drop Delhi as a venue for future tours after the Australian tour-

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round: S de Ville (Bel) bi L Porus (US) 6-4,
6-7, 6-3; E Ushotseva (Russ) bi Z GambonJackson (US) 6-4, 6-4; M McGrath (US) bi P
Hy-Boulass (Can) 6-4, 6-3; P Sustra (Arg) bi
L Hom (SA) 6-3; C-6, 7-6; M Hingie (Swez) bi
L Hom (SA) 6-3; C-7-6; M Hingie (Swez) bi
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL European Cup Champions' Laegus

Group B Bonussia Dortmund v Atletico Madrid . Widzew Lodz v Steaua Bucharest Group C

Group D AC Milan-v IFK Gothenburg FC Porto v Rosenborg -... wide League First division
Nonvicir v Sheff Utd (7.45)
QPR v Ipswich (7.45)
Sundon v West Bromwich (7.45)
Victoerhampton v Huddersfield (7.45)

Second division Milwai v Blackpool (7.45) Milwell v Blackpool (7.45)

FA CUP: sponsored by Littlewoods:
Fourth qualifying round: replay: Morecambe v Lancaster (7.45)

DR MARTENS CUP: First round, seoond leg: Sardick v Chemisterd Salsbury

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: West Harn v Carolil (7 0); Wirnholdon v Swansea (at Plough Lans 2.0); Leegue Cup: Southampton v Brighten (et Steplewood, Marchwood). PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premiler division: Blackburn v Traitmere (7 0); Second division: Barnsley v Carlisle 7 0.

SCREWFOX DIFFECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Tiverton v Barnstapie. PRESS & JOURINAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Bucke Thistle v Peterhead; Egar v Brora.
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS
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SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Semi-final: Gleration v Crusaders (at New Grosvenor Stadium). NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEADER.
First division: Rossendale y Chadderton.
Floodit Trophy: First round, second
leg: Prescot y Burspough
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division:
Soham y Elacton
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First di-

Vision: Aerostructures v Wirnborne fown.
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE:
First division: Eastbourne Town.
Shoreham: Hassocks v Ringmer,
Whatehawk v Pontield John O'Hera. Whitehask v Portfield John Origina Leigule Cup: Second round: Mrie Oek v Langney Sports. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg Town v Portlethact Cols. Denaby v North Ferrby. Presidents Cup; Second round: replay. Rossington Main v Armithorpe Wellare.

(745). UEFA UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIPS England v Spain (at Crawe Alexandra RC). FCI.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round qualifying: Lincoln v Solton: Chester v Sury;
Burton v Nuneaton: Camberley v Bognor
Regs. Port Valle v Walsali Wood. Second
round qualifying replay: Sulton United v
Vising Sports

RUGBY UNION Scotland A v Australia XV . (at Galashels, 2.15)

Courage Clubs Championship First division First division Leicester v London Irish (7.30) Sale v Harlequins (7.15) Wasps v West Harliepool

sentative match

Oxford University'v Major Stanley's XV (at lifley Road, 3.0) OTHER SPORT BASICEBALL: European championship: Semi-final: Group B: England v Lawa (al (at Granby Halls, Leicester, 8.0) SPEEDWAY: Pramier Leegue: Pote-borough Coventry, Junior Challenge: Hull v Wolverhampton (7.30).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Loser-on-loser play is sometimes used to transfer a ruff in a dangerous suit to one in a safe suit. This hand, played nearly

forty years ago, is a remarkable example of the genre. Dealer East

North-South game +A42 TAK7 •742 +KQ83 eJ1087 665

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Contract: Four Spades by South, Lead: king of diamonds North might have tried Three No-trumps when Three Hearts came round to him. last diamond, bringing his There are nine top tricks in trick total up to ten - four spades, two hearts, one dia-South ducked the first diamond and three clubs.

mond and won the next, noting East's heart discard. He then drew three rounds of trumps before playing a heart to the ace. At this point he knew West's shape was 4-1-6-2: West has shown up with six diamonds and four spades, and after East's Three Heart opening can have no more than one heart. Declarer continued with the king of or dummy's fourth club. clubs, a club to his ace and a third club. It would not have benefited West to ruff this, so

After taking the queen of clubs, declarer played dum-my's last club and discarded a diamond on it - the crucial loser-on-loser play. East was on lead with nothing but hearts and his heart return went to dummy's king again, it would not have

he discarded a diamond.

DIAZO

REFLUX

a. Reflected light

b. Part of distillation c. A detergent

a. A top-spinning game

b. A musical direction

c. A chemical reaction

benefited West to ruff this. Now declarer ruffed dummy's

It would not have helped East to ruff the second round of diamonds. Declarer wins the heart return and plays four rounds of trumps. East can afford to discard three hearts but when declarer later cashes the ace of diamonds East has no good discard and has to choose between establishing declarer's third heart

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☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

26 ke3 29 Rub4÷ 30 Rb7 31 R1b3 WORD-WATCHING

> By Philip Howard WHEATSTONE BRIDGE a. Laboratory device

> > YOUNG'S SLITS

a. An optical experiment b. Aerodynamic wing surface c. A sect of feminists Answers on page 46

b. Variant on a card game

c. Montana/Idaho crossing

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Alexei Shirov, the former Latvian grandmaster, who now represents Spain, is usually noted as a hercely original attacking player. In this game from Tilburg, though, Shirov switches styles to outmanoeuvre Michael Adams, the lead-

The opening leads by al-most forced stages to a double rook and pawn endgame which seems to be heading for a certain draw. Shirov succeeded in showing that the absence of Black's king from defensive contact with his pawns still gave White slender winning chances.

0-0 d4 Nord4 fbd1 Nc3 Bl4 Na5 15 Nd5 Nvb3 26 Re3

KEENE on CHESS

White Alexei Shirov Black: Michael Adams Tilburg, October 1996

Ruy Lopez

NI3 0-0-0 Bc5+

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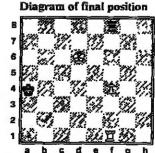
Subtle endgame

ing British grandmaster.

Bb5 Bxo6 Be6 Rd6 Bc4+ Rc8

Rc7+ Kb3 35 Rd1 36 Rh1 Ac3 Rh2+ Kc4 Kc5 Kb5 40 Rbb2 RXM+ Rh1 Ra4+ Ryh6 **Fb4+** RgxI5 Ka3 Ka2 Rife Re5 Ka3 Ka2 Ka3 Re8+ Rxb5 Ka4 Rife Re8+ Rb64 Hb2-

Kd4 Pxb5 Rb1 59 Ke5 61 FII1 Black resigns



Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing). Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

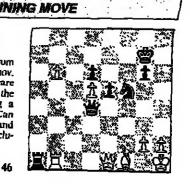
WINNING MOVE

Rxg2 Kc5 Ræ6

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Karpov — Taimanov. Leningrad 1977. Here is a rare example of Analoly Karpor, the Fide world champion, losing a game with the white pieces. Can you spot Black's brilliant, and geometrically pleasing, conclu-sion?

Solution on page 46



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Grieving for the loss of sporting lives

very death diminishes us, but this counts double with sport-ing deaths. The fearful is ing deaths. The fearful lineaments of death seem still more terrible, still more unfair when set against the background of sport's merriment and frivolity.

Last week, Matthew Harding, the Chelsea vice-chairman, died on his way home from a footie match. The outflow of grief across the footballing nation was quite unprecedented for

the death of a mere club director. Chelsea were at home to Tottenham Hotspur last weekend: not their greatest allies. Yet the minute's silence was full, complete, pro-

The silence was complete and profound'

Harding's death diminished all English football, it seemed: not what is normally the case when a boardroom buffer pops his clogs. Mocking a rival's misfortunes is part of football's less edifying tradition, plane-crash taunts follow Manchester United everywhere. But, throughout English football, they

kept the silence for Harding.
As soccer comes out of its brief period of mourning, so rugby union enters one. On Sunday, Ian Tucker died after playing for Oxford University against Saracens the previous day. He was injured while making a tackle, and collapsed after emerging from the subsequent maul. Police say they are satisfied that no criminal offence took place. It was just sport.

Harding was, in his way, the ultimate figure of fantasy football. There comes a point when football people no longer fantasise about playing for England or Chelsea. At a certain age, imagining yourself as Peter Osgood becomes

a trifle absurd. The fantasy figure for the older man is the manager, and latterly, the chairman: rather than beauty. Harding's gift to his

game was to add a new gloss to the fantasy. Young by boardoom standards, at 42, he was a pubable, rather than clubable, man in a Chelsea shirt rather than a suit, and quite ludi-

How many football fans, of every hue, saw Harding and thought: "That's what I'd be like, if I were a multimillionaire. I'd chuck huge sums at my beloved club, I'd cock snooks at everyone in sight, I'd still have plenty of pints and I'd shout myself daft every Saturday just as I SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

do now. Success wouldn't change me, it would make me even more like

Harding's death came after a match, which makes it all far more poignant than if the helicopter had gone down after some business meeting. Death and sport do not sit well together. Real death has no place among the mock-deaths and cod tragedies of the sporting round. The same paradox surrounds the death of Tucker. If he had died in a Young men die in car crashes by the nature of things, the statistics tell us this story again and again.

It is always the waste of a life; but it always seems still more of a waste when a young person dies in pursuit of sport. It seems doubly awful, doubly dreadful: something deep in ourselves cries out that, above all else, it is not fair.

And yet sport always involves the deliberate sacking of danger. Even watching it. If you commit yourself to the fortunes of one team, you put yourself in danger of disappointment, of

recently reported a story about a Brazilian fan who, goaded by the incessant teasing of his lifelong friend after a defeat, shot him dead.

Actually playing sport involves greater psychological, spiritual and physical risks. This seeking of danger is seen as a strictly male trait, but it is not. Everyone who has anything to do with horses knows that. And sport kills women as well as men: a couple of years ago, I had the grim task of writing about a teenage girl who died

car crash it would have been sad, but after a fall in three-day eventing it would not have touched strangers. Rugby union is a sport of physical Rugby union is a sport of physical confrontation and injuries are inevitable for all players at any level. The game is not supposed to be safe. People wouldn't play it if it was safe.

New legislation and better law enforcement - the laws of both the land and the game - have made the game more sensible, more responsible. Dangerous games must always be monitored closely. We have grown

out of the ethic of callousness, the notion that it's a man's game 'Sport is not and there is always a natural culling. about death it

For, as sport has become an ever more is about life' public concern, so the the sheer inapproprithe teasing and chaffing of others. I ateness of sporting deaths hits us ever harder. Sport, you see, is not about death. It is about life. Sport is the

most life-affirming aspect of the national life it cheers and celebrates life and youth, and does so by means of excitement, risk, confrontation. Sport is often compared with war. but it is quite the opposite. War is about death, waste, disaster. Sport is a luxury that can only come as the

inappropriate but incomprehensible

James Capstick has Georgia on his

mind as he takes stock in Brazil

product of peace. Sport is life. Death. in such a context, seems not only

Appointment with fear

intional Women: Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.

So sonorously ecstatic about the Victorian novelist Mary Braddon are presenter Sarah Dunant, biographer Jenny Uglow and novelist Sally Beauman that I was sorely tempted to rush to the nearest library and grab a copy of the best-known of her 80 novels, Lady Audiey's Secret, to find out what the fuse was all about. Purposet saws the severality grab a copy of the best-known of her 80 novels, Lady Auaier's Secret, to find out what the fuss was all about. Durant says the sexuality, violence and madness of the eponymous lady put the fear of God into the Victorian literary establishment. To be honest, the extracts we hear from the book this morning don't entirely explain the phenomenon. Braddon wrote her novel 30 years before Oscar Wilde penned The Picture of Dorian Gray. Both tales feature a portrait of a beautiful fiend. It is tempting to speculate that, but for Mary Braddon, there might never have been a Dorian Gray.

The Young Tradition Award 1966. Radio 2, 7.00pm.

I have attended the last two finals of this competition for young folk musicians, and I must say that I was pleasantly surprised at the high level of musicianship. Torught, Radio 2 puts out the 1996 final. For us, the listeners, there is an extra frisson in the fact that the broadcast is the listeners, there is an extra frisson in the last that the broatcast will live. Unfortunately, it is also true that more than one contestant will know that if — Heaven forfend! — something goes wrong tonight, there is no chance of a second chance. The winner out of the six finalists is guaranteed "showcase" bookings on both Radio 2 and at a Toronto folk music festival near year.

Peter Davaile

6.30ams Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa l'Anson 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, includes at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeet 7.00 Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamaco 9.00 Bits from Last Week's Radio, Another chance to lister in as comedien Greg Proops searches for cunous cuts from various radio programmes 10.00 Mark Radolille 12.00 Cleire Storgess 4.00 Clive Werten.

RADIO 2

6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy to Wogan scale student 1.30 January Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Young Tradition Showcase 96. See Choice 9.00 Macgregor's Banks and Brass 9.30 Migel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05em Adrian Finighen, includes at 1,30 Pause for Thought 3.00 Alex Lester RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, Incl. at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programma, Incl. at 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine 12.00. Mickiey with Mair, Incl. at 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.05 Rescoe, on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Edwa, Incl. at 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.35 Trever Brooking's Football Night. Menohaster United v Fenerbahge; Rangers v Alax. Plus commanitary from the European Chempions' League 10.05 The Backer Line 11.00 Night Edwa 12.05 and Alfor Hours, with John Diamond 2.05 Up Ali Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00em Early Bresidest 7.00 Peul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Arns Rae-burn 2.00pm Tarmry Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Peter Desley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 19,00 Jan 1,00em Jan Collins

WORLD SERVICE

Altimes in BST. News on the hour.
4.30em Europe Today 5.30 Europe
Today 8.30 Europe Today 7.15 Off the
Shell 7.30 Discovery 8.10 Words of
Faith 8.15 Concent Hall 9.05 World Shell 7.30 Discovery B.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Corcart Hall 9.05 World Busineste Report 9.15 Andy Kershaw 9.45 Sport 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Off the Shelf 11.30 Thirty-Manute Drama 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Bittain Today 12.30 Composer of the Month 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Magamix 3.05 Sport 3.15 Concert Hall 3.30 News in German 4.15 World Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 Britain Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 Britain Today 3.30 News in German 8.45 Sports 6.30 Discovery 7.01 Outlook 7.25 World Susiness Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Meridian On Screen 19.30 World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.10 Science View 11.15 Country Style 11.30 Multitrack 12.30am From Our Own Corresponderd 12.45 Britain Today 1.30 Cutlook 1.55 Words of Faith 2.30 Assignment 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.36 Meridian Books

CLASSIC FM

4,00em Mark Griffiths 6,00 Mike Read 9,00 Henry Kelly 12,00 Susannah Smors 2,00pm Concerto W.A. Mozeri (Concerto for 2 pienes in Eb major K. 365) 3,00 Jemie Crick 6,00 Newsnight 6,30 Sonata. Locatelli (Filite Sonata in g 6.30 Sonata. Locatelli (*Jus Sonata in g major, Opus 5 No 1) 7.00 Cheltenham and Gloucester Classic Gerdening Fo-rum (f) 8.00 Concert. Komgold (Kings Row Title Musc); Horovitz (Euphrohum Concerto); Copland (Lincoln Portratt), Bernstein (Symphonic Dances from West Side Story); Rutter (Gioria) 10.00 Michael Alfrech 1 Officer Mel Concer-Michael Mappin 1,00mm Mei Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

8.00mm Russ'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Fornat 2.00mm Jerson Clark

Celebrations on the road to Rio

WHEN you see the television coverage of the BT Global Challenge, you will sit glued to your seat as the 40-ton boats surf down mountainous seas in the Roaring Forties, dodg-ing icebergs with the crew tied to their yachts by a lifeline.

The reality on Sunday was very different. After 5,000 miles of racing. Ocean Rover was in Copacabana Bay under the statue of Christ the Redeemer and we were drifting onto the beach with no wind and only the tide to move us. Even as a novice sailor, I realised that this was not quite what was required. One of the things I learnt early on in sailing is that there is always too much wind or not enough. On this occasion, there was definitely too little.

The other problem was that almost alongside was Heath Insured II. We had been within sight of them for the last five days and, although it focuses your mind on the task in hand, it does get you down after a while.

Global Challenge

As we rounded the last mark before the finish, we had a 500-yard lead on them and. with only five knots of wind, we pulled out all the stops. It seemed as if every sail in the boat was tried in our attempts to get that extra fraction of speed. Yet, as we tacked, the little wind we had finally gave up and we sat there and watched Heath as they sailed past us. It was another two hours before we finished.

Having been at sea for a month, the first order of the day was a beer. As always, our man from Rover, Marius Harte, was on hand with the goods. I had to send an early message on to race HQ the day before as the worst possible scenario had occurred — I had run out of cigarettes and it was with great joy that, along with the cold beer, several packets of fags were thrown aboard.

The last two days have probably been the same for most crews. Lots and lots of beer has been consumed, large steak meals eaten and long, slow baths taken. I have even found time to sleep for about two hours. The inevitable debrief by the crew, over the ever-present beer, went true to form. It is amazing how people do things that almost drive you to murder at the time, but, reviewed in the cold light of day, you laugh and put

them down to experience. Looking back, I have to say it was a brilliant experience and I am looking forward to the next leg. We had long days and balmy nights sailing the trade winds under spinnaker. surfing down the rollers at ridiculous speeds. It was strange how, after the Equator, the weather actually became cooler and Rio has been quite wet.

The leg had its downs as well as its highs. For the last couple of days, the wind would die for no reason, leaving us becalmed. On one occasion, the shout of "whale!" went up and all the crew emerged to peer over the rail and watch. It turned out to be a giant turtle paddling along lazily but with great dignity. We were only just beating it and, as always, there was Heath almost within spitting distance

I celebrated my 38th birth-day at sea with a glass of champagne and a slice of cake with the crew. We then crossed the Equator and celebrated with another glass of bubbly. But the highlight for me was the news that my wife. Tracey had given birth to our third child, and first daughter. whom we have named Georgia

modern technology, I was able to telephone her at the hospital that evening and she sounded marvellous. One thing that it did do was remind me that it will be another three months before I can hold my daughter for the first time. I was quite jealous talking to Sue Walters, the wife of a fellow crev member, when she described to me how she had held Georgia and how beautiful she was.

The "world's toughest yacht race" continues, but often the sailing is the easy part. For the next couple of weeks in Rio, the crew will no doubt do the touristy bit, visiting local museums and churches, and prepare the boat for the extremes of the next leg through the Southern Ocean to Wellington. Plus. thanks to the sponsor that supplied the entire fleet with free phone cards, I will be able to keep in touch with the family.

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air with Andrew McGregor includes Rossini (Overture *La cambiale di matrimonic*); Rachmeninov (Symphony No 2 in El minor). 9.00 M

C P E Bach (Symphony in E fist, Wq183 No 2); Rameau (Suite Dardanus) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Bach (Goldberg Canons, BW/1087); Fauré (Reculern); Hayde (Soneta in G minor, H XVI 44) 12.00 Composers of the Weelc

Hildegard of Bingen and Part. Pert (Tabula rasa, excerpt): (Symphony No 3, excerpt): Hidegard (O quam-1.00pm News; Concert Hall. Live

par News; Concert Hall, Live from the Wigmore Hall, London Vierna Brahms Trio. Haydn (Piano Trio in D. H XV 24); Besthoven (Piano Trio Movement in B flat); (Plano Trio in C. Op 87) Midweek Cholce, includes Elisto (Habb); Jefe Fitten (Hook); Lalo (Symphonie espagnole); Saint-Saene (Septet in E tiat,

Saint-Saene (Septet in E list,
Op 65)
4.00 Choral Eveneous, Live from
Hereford Cathedral Organist
and master of the choristers
Roy Massey, Assistant
organist Huw Williams
5.00 The Music Machine, When
F M Einheit played percussion
with the German band

Einsbuzenden Neubeuten, he tapped on anything from raw meet to prisumetic chilis and the singer Bites 5.15 In Tune, Presenter Jeremy Nicholas talks to American controlled to engert Stetich

conductor Leonard Static about his Elgar concerts

7.30 A Grand, Mysterioses
Harmony (Buckner season)
Stephen Johnson recalls the
disastrous promises of the
second Mission of Bruckner's Third Symphony, played here Symphony Orchestra, conductor Yeav Talmi pius an atternative version of the slow movement dating from 1876 With contributions from

Gunter Brosche, Otto Biba and Paul Banks 9.00 Early Islamic Thinkers. Dr Robert Wisnovsky and Dr John Cooper examine the impostant contribution to philosophy made by the 11th-century doctor, naturalist and thinker, Avicenna.

9.15 Carole Ceresi. Happsichord recital, Scarletti (Sonata in C, 19513); Francois Couperin (Potente in C. Primer Couperin

(Prelude in G minor, Ordre No 7 in G); C'P E Bach (Sonata in 8 flat, Wq165 No 20) (r) Volces, Iain Burnside seta out to prove songwriters down the conturies have been

carrying the contories have been carrying the ecologival candle long before anyone had thought about ozone layers or acid rain 10.45 Night Waves. American poet Rita Dove delivers her lecture Sonnels to Sound Bytes: the Post and the Public at the Royal Restried Hall

Royal Festival Hall

11.30 Composer of the Weetc
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in Fisharp minor, Op 24,
alternation Humotherus, One

abegretto; Humoro, Op 24, abegretto; Humoresque, Op 20 No 5; Sithouette, Op 55 ham Juzzz Notes. Keith Nichols discusses a new biography of Scott Joplin with Digby Fairweather

of confession 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55

6.00 Skx O'Clock News 6.30 The Labour Exchange (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Face the Facts with John Waite

Waite
7.45 in Search of a State.
Fiorsusia O'Connor explores
the leasings of the Catholic
community in Northern Ireland
8.30 The Power of Peckham

9.00 Costing the Earth, Mark Whitaker explores the controversial issues surrounding prawn and shrimp farming in South East Asia

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with

lurny after all. Read by James Bolam 11.00 Whatever Happened

10 . . . ? (1/6) 11.15 1690 And All That (3/3). A

11.30 Control Group Stx (FM), with Richard Bean, Andrew College And Clive

Isabel Hitton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: You Have

to Laugh by A.L. Barker. What starts off as a joke for Charlie turns out not to be so-lurny after all Done to

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compelling Japanese gothic : murder story about the nature:

WORD-WATCHING

DIAZO

(c) A formative of the names of compounds derived from the aromatic hydrocarbons, which contain two atoms of nitrogen combined in a peculiar way with phenyl. "The diazonium salts

(b) In chemistry and distilling the condition, process or action of refluxing. Also concretely, the condensed vapour involved in this. The operation is most conveniently conducted in a tubulated retort to the neck of which is attached a reflux

WHEATSTONE BRIDGE

(a) A simple circuit for measuring electrical resistance by connecting it so as to form a quadrilateral with three known resistances by applying a voltage between a pair of opposite corners. A galvanometer connected between the other two corners in gavanounteer connected between the outer two corners registers no current when the ratios of the two pairs of adjacent resistances are equal. The eponym of Sir Charles Wheatstone, who in 1843 brought into notice the differential arrangement apparatus which had been invented by S. Hunter YOUNG'S SLITS

(a) The classic experiment into the nature of light, an investigation that provided the basic element in the development of the wave theory and was first performed by the English physicist and physician Thomas Young in 1801. Young identified the phenomenon called interference. Observing that when light from a single source is split into two beams, and the two beams are then recombined, the combined beam shows a pattern of light and dark fringes. Young concluded that the fringes result from the fact that when the beams recombine, their peaks and

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be safe to forget all about There was black and white footage Robert Maxwell, along comes of the Pergamon days, colour Inside Story Special: Maxwell — The Downfall (BBC)) and it all-comes flooding back. He of the osterous hair, ridiculous voice and astonishing girth had returned to haunt us once again."

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The excuse was the impending fifth anniversary of his mysterious death at sea, but the recent end to legal proceedings against his sons must have helped. Kevin Maxwell. may have survived trial by jury, but this was trial by television with Torn Bower as judge, jury and, if he had his way, executioner. As his commentary last night made clear time and again. Bower was determined to exact several million pounds of flesh

Visually, the film had been assembled with extraordinary skill and dedication, taking full advartage of the fact that Maxwell's to those who, wittingly or unwit-

pictures of his celebrity-packed 65th birthday and, best of all, a wonderful in-house video made by his flunkies.

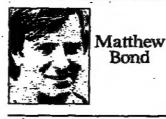
Robert Maxwell is a multifaceted individual," it began, businessman, politician, family man publisher..." A fondness for lists clearly ran in the family: "Soldier publisher patriot..." intoned Ian at his father's funeral. Funny how none of them ever mentioned fraudster

But if skill and dedication had gone into the making of the film, so had an element of wickedness. The editing was designed to do maximim damage to Kevin ('we are determined to continue in his traditions he promised publicly after his father's death) and to cause maximum embarrassment

well's claim to honesty". Peter Jay, in particular, now the BBC's momics Editor, will not have enjoyed last night's reminder of a less glorious past.

e will not however, be alone. Politicians, bankers, accountants, even (heaven forfend) journalists were all swept up by Bower's determination to pin the blame on somebody, to call somebody. anybody - to account.

That determination bordered on obsession and was the one serious weakness to an always compelling film. Bower has been too close to the Maxwell story for too long to be a helpful guide to those coming to it either for the first time or returning to it after a break. Corners were cut, events mexplained and complex financial transactions rendered all but intowering vanity ensured so much tingly, endorsed what Bower comprehensible by his need to - REVIEW-



press on. One minute we were having a decidedly unrevealing chat with a colonel in the KGB, the next, Maxwell was sitting down to dinner with the Princess of Wales. Surely she wasn't involved as well? Why did nobody stop him? After 70 minutes of self-flagellation (for journalists, Maxwell represents the biggest story ever to have got

away) we were really no nearer to

answering the question. Perhaps

first to cross his path, a former Pergamon employee whose accurate assessment rang down the decades. I said to him, Mr Maxwell you are the sincerest lian I have ever met.

There must be a link between Maxwell and Robson and Jerome but for the life of me I can't think . . . no. on second thoughts. I can. Just as the Daily Mirror is all the better for being rid of one, so Soldier, Soldier (ITV) appears much improved for being shot of the others. No chance of anybody singing, for a start.

Last night's episode was a timely story of sexual harassment and assault in the King's Own Fusil-iers. Con O'Neill, although having the dashing looks of an officer, was splendidly menacing as the boorish Colour Sergeant Hicks, while Kate O'Malley did her utmost with cost to character or credibility. "It must have been something I did," she wailed, " I must have led him on." No, it just didn't ring true.

The assault itself took place in the mess kitchen's walk-in larder, which was conveniently festooned with enormous sides of beef. "There's just me, you and our friends from the slaughter-house," whispered Hicks as he backed Private Grey (O'Malley) into a fat-free corner. Hemmed in by meat on all sides, she did what any sensible woman would do kneed him in the tenderloin.

But while that scene was impressively intense (especially for a series that normally survives on big hangs and bigger crashes), Hicks's eventual comeuppance was less successful. It took place in a swimming pool, the protagonists a script that was determined to fully clothed. Not easy flouncing turn a trained soldier into a out of the shallow end in waterfully clothed. Not easy flouncing

logged fatigues. I can tell you. The rest of the evening was setaside for educational purposes. In Soho Stories (BBC2) we learnt that stripping is all about "shoulders and eeps, shoulders and eeps", according to the French choreographer at the Raymond Revuebar. The look on Gwen's face, however, suggested that it was not shoulders and 'eeps she was worried about.

Next time this English literature student wants a holiday job perhaps she should take up rally driving. You still get shouted at, but as the first instalment of a new series of Ride On (Channel 4) revealed, you do get to keep your clothes on. "You're steering too much, you're steering too much." shouted a fierce Scots woman, as Alain de Cadenet wrestled with the mysteries of something called leftfoot braking. Apparently it makes your back-end slide out, Rather like shoulders and 'eeps, in fact.

BBC1 6.00mm BUSINESS BREAKFAST (72030) 7.00 BREAKFAST NEWS (Codex) (25841) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceetax)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (8) (2815056) 9.45 KILROY (s) (2638740) 10.30 CANT COOK, WONT COOK (s) (56818) . 12.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather

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3.30 ANTS IN YOUR PANTS (a) (5858690) 3.50 CHUCKLEVISION (9258/55) 4.10 GETYOUR OWN BACK (6435363) 4.35 THE DEMON HEADMASTER (Coefe) (a) (4634176) 5.00 NEWSHOUND (2715059) 5.10 BLUE PETER (Cestax)

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7.00 SMATL TALK with Ronnie Corbett (Casian) (a) (7479)

7.30 HERE AND NOW Sue Lawley interviews Diale-Blood, the widow fighting for the right to have a baby from sperm taken from hier husband before he died. **act** (a) (905)

8.00 HOW DO THEY DO THAT? Earnorn Holmes and Eather McVey present the programme with the answers. This week how Ages, the polar bear, has become Hollywood's hottest actor. Noah Kelly shows how to build a 20-storey ekyeloraper out of playing cards. Plus, Elembon and Esther reveal the secret behind lest week's hair-raising roof-top

8.50 POINTS OF VIEW (Ceefair) (5) (434063) 9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS with Nicholas Witchell (Ceefax) (3894)

9.30 BECK The first of a two-part story. Beck has to discover the identity of a middle-aged man who is found wandering the ts suffering from memory loss. But, as she gets closer to finding a missing spouse, his wife decides she does not want him back With Amenda Redmen (Cestax) (s) (139363)

CHILDWATCH PLUS TEN the past ten years of Childwatch in a year when child abuse has been in the

11.30 FILM: Blind Violon (1990) Suspense thriller. A young loner voyeuristically keeps watch on his beautiful neighbour's night-time habits. When her lover is murdered, the loner becomes the prime suspect. Starring Lenny Van Dohlen and Deborah Sheiton. Directed by Shuki Levy

1.10-1.15am WEATHER (2395257)

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6.45 TREV AND SIMON'S TRANSMISSION IMPOSSIBLE New entertainment series featuring Trev Neel and Simon Hickson from Live and Kloking (s) (671450) 7.00 TESTAMENT: THE BIBLE IN ANIMATION (s) (Cestax) (8721)

7.30 FROM THE EDGE (Ceelax) (s) (547) 8.00 WILDLIFE ON TWO The unde world of the dolphin (r) (Cestax) (4769) 8.30 TWO FAT LADIES A menu feeturing game for a dinner party hosted by the Duke of Hamilton (Caetax) (s) (3276)



Jacqui Peet and son Rory (9.00pm)

MODERN TIMES: Broken Homes Exploring the problems divorced fathers have in (Ceetax) (s) (145363) in-touch with their children NAKED CITY Investigating the secretive world of the City of London (Ceefax) (s) (930189)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceetzx) (717585) 11.15 SOHO STORIES (s) (392450) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (8) (64988) 12.30em-5.30 LEARNING ZONE: OU: DOM (71590) 1.00 AGE AND IDENTITY (97986) 2.00 ENGLISH TIME (15967)

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4.30 MENTAL HEALTH MEDIA (95431)

5.00 HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK

(47306) 5.30 THE ADVISER (65615)

CHOICE

Wanted Channel 4, 8,30pm

As it is being transmitted live this new adventure game show is easier to describe that to judge. It describes itself as a cross between The Running Man and one of Channel 4's earliest successes. Treasure Hust, while claiming to be a clone of neither.
Teams of two called the runners are pursued by a threesome called the trackers. The runners have a map and a daily allowance of money, are required to carry out tasks such as donating blood and their object is not to be as outsiding thou and after dojed is not to be caught. The longer they are at large, the bigger the prize money. But the trackers have the expert help of the former KGB agent. Oleg Gordievsky, and a former Flying Squad Commander, John O'Connor. The host is Richard Littlejohn, familiar to viewers in the London region as the viewers; in the London region as the presenter of topical discussion programmes

Modern Times Broken Homes BBC2, 9,00pm

Documentaries, no less than feature films, have their auteurs. Lynn Alleway's talent lies in persuading ordinary people to go before the camera and talk openly about their personal lives. Alleway's previous film for Modern Times was a much-discussed study of working women who leave their children with nannies. Her new film is about the effect on families, and particularly children, when the parents split up. Six-year-old Rory had a screaming fit when he discovered that the father he idolised had left his mother for another woman. Grown-ups can feel bitter as well, though this can take unexpected forms. Jennie is horrified that her former husband lives with a woman whose parents pack turkeys for Bernard Matthews. Says Jennie: "I didn't send my daughters to public schools to mix with that riff-raff."

Naked City: A Collective Madness BBC2, 9_50pm

In 1987 the average income in Britain was £10,000 a year. But in the post-Big Bang City of London bonuses alone could boost earnings by many times that smount. One banker recalls offering a bonus of £½ million, thinking he was being generous, and being told it was humiliating. This was the time when 28-year-old traders could make fortunes by sitting in front of computer screens and pressing the right buttons. The huge wealth fuelled a speculative boom that affected property prices, the art market and classic cars. The price of a Ferrari 250 GTO went up fivefold in no time. The easy money bred armsance and contempt. But the bred arrogance and contempt. But th bubble was soon to burst and those who feel like gloating should not miss the next episode of Denys Blakeway's enthralling study of unregulated capitalism gone mad.

Childwatch Plus Ten

BBC1. 10.20pm Esther Rantzen is not everybody's television favourite but her Childwatch programme broadcast ten years ago contributed importantly to public awareness about the abuse of children and led to the setting up of the charity. ChildLine: A decade on she returns to a subject which has rarely left the headlines, what with scandals at children's and the continuing revelations from Belgium. The singer Sinead O'Connor, who was abused by her mother, is among victims who speak out and there is a discussion of whether the legal system is failing to convict abusers. The programme also looks at plans to set up a paedophile register. Studio guests include the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, and the Health Secretary. Stephen Dorrell. Peter Waymark

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7,20 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE LIVE: Manchester United v Fenerbahce. Bob Wilson presents the action from Old Trafford (Teletext) (74816214)



Bradley and Lancashire (9.30pm)

9.30 CORONATION STREET Raquel (Sarah Lancashire) has an exciting future in store, according to Maud (Elizabeth Bradley) (Teleted) (16671)

16.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (66295) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (925127)

10.40 CHILLER: Number Stx in a small Yorkshire town, DI Taylor tries desperately to find the child murderer who has struck five times at the time of the full moon. Just as Taylor thinks he has discovered the murderer's identity, he es his own son's life is at risk. With Kevin McNally and Maggie O'Neill (r) (Teletext) (s) (917498)

11.40 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS featuring action from Rangers v Ajax; Menchester United v Fenerbahce; Juventus v Rapid Vienna; and AC Milan v Gothenburg (865011)

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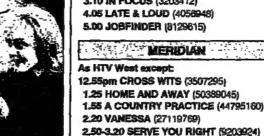
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1.00 SESAME STREET (89634) 2.00 FILM: Desperate Journey (D/w, 1942) starring Errol Flynn, Ronald Reagan and Raymond Massey RAF Illers escape to Britain after being shot down Directed by Raoul Walsh (6214)

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6.50 FRESH POP (s) (104363) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Ceelax) (925769) 7.55 THE SLOT (235092)

8.00 BROOKSIDE Ron and Jackle's day out becomes more senous than anticipated; and the Simpsons are becoming paranoid about being the centre of attention (Teletext) (2) (9837)



Manhunter Oleg Gordievsky (8.30pm)

8.30 WANTED The tirst of a new eight-part live and wide-ranging adventure game show presented by Richard Littlejohn (Teletext) (s) (30059) 9.30 THE LOVERS Beryl begins to plan for the future now that the engagement is back

10.00 AMERICAN GOTHIC: Requiem Lucas Buck is buried, but is he dead? (Teletext)

11.00 RORY BREMNER - WHO ELSE? (r) 11.40 WEEKLY PLANET presented by Jon

Snow A discussion on the fastdelengrating situation in central Africa (3/8) (694450) 1.10em DISPATCHES (r) (Ceetax) (s)

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3.50 FILM: Conflict (b/w, 1945) starring Humphrey Bogarl as a murderer whose scheme to dispose of his wife goes badly wrong Directed by Curtis Bernhardt (3567865) Ends at 5.00

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United looking for control from Cantona

MANCHESTER United stand on the brink of a great adventure. A win over Fenerbahçe at Old Trafford tonight will virtually guarantee them a place in the quarter-finals of the European Cup for the first time for 28 years, and end their, and England's, recent embarrassments in the

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It'll be a great night for the players, and a great opportu-nity for them." Alex Ferguson. the United manager, said. 'We wanted to get over the Champions' League stage, because it has been a thorn in our flesh in our last two

If they win, only victory for Rapid Vienna in Turin tonight can prevent — or at least delay United's entry into the quarter-finals. But if a win for Rapid scems unlikely. United's success tonight now seems far less assured than when they won 2-0 in Istanbul two weeks ago.

Since then, United have let in II goals in two matches. They conceded five against Newcastle United at St James' Park, which could happen to anybody, and six at Southampton, which does not usually happen to lesser sides, let

alone the English champions. Ferguson refused even to discuss the recent failures, but suddenly, with Bruce gone, Pallister struggling with injuries, and forwards queueing up to chip Peter Schmeichel. that proud, unbeaten record in European competitions at Old Trafford, stretching over 40 years and more than 50

games, looks vulnerable. The suggestion that a Turkish team might succeed where Real Madrid, AC Milan and Juventus have failed seems far-fetched, but the record nearly fell to Galatasaray three years ago, when Cantona's late equaliser saved it.

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Much may depend on Cantona again tonight, for he sorts than his colleagues. "I didn't know I could play so badly," he said after United's victory over Liverpool on Oc-

equally badly, and his tem-perament, under such tight control last year, has also begun to flare. "It is a good has problems," Jes Hogh, the Fenerbahçe defender, said. "If he doesn't play well, the whole team has problems. They seem to have a problem find-

Nick Barmby, Middles-brough's England striker, joined Everton for £5.75 million last night. Liverpool and Leeds United were also linked with the 22-year-old after the Middlesbrough manager, Bryan Robson, announced last week he was epared to receive offers for the former Tottenham player. Barmby joined Middlesbrough from White Hart Lane for £5.25 million in

ing someone to take control of the game."

United will need Cantona to control himself, and make a significant contribution tonight, Equally, much will also depend on Fenerbahçe's taste for the battle. They know they have to win to maintain any interest in the competition, and are reportedly on a win bonus of £10,000 a man.

That should inspire them, and the ability of their Nigeria international, Jay Jay Okocha, and the goalscoring touch of Bolic, who had a disappointing game in Istanbul but has a domestic record of nine goals in Il games, should ensure

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Okocha was a major threat in Istanbul. "He played in areas we didn't expect, and for the first 15 minutes, until we got it sorted out, they had us stretched all over the place," Ferguson said.

Pallister is rated "very doubtful" by Ferguson and his absence would be a serious blow, although Ronnie Johnsen will be fit to replace

There was better news yes

If Butt fails, it will almost certainly mean Beckham movseriously about playing a dif-

Fenerbahçe, too, have fitness doubts about Hogh, Kostadinov and Bulent If Keane can repeat his breath-taking form of the game against Rapid, and Cantona can recapture his form, United should overpower

"If we qualify for the quarter-finals it will be a tremen-Ferguson said. "To get to the next stage, a quarter-final tie in March against Porto or AC Milan, gets the adrenalin

On form, that may be a step too far, but Ferguson is already relishing the prospect. "Once we qualify, we can improve," he said. "I think we'll be better in March or April, We're a young side and

learning with every game. "It'll be a great experience for the players, a really fabukind of thing we want. People say it's the hardest draw, but

United do not take too much for granted.

terday of Nicky Butt, who did light training. He will have a fitness test at lunchtime. If he does join Roy Keane in the centre of midfield. United will have strong cover in front of

ing in to partner Keane, and a tactical rethink. "If he doesn't make it, I will have to think ferent way," Ferguson said. Giggs definitely will be missing, which will under-mine United's attack, but

lous match in prospect. It's the it's better being there than not being there." Indeed.



The Ajax players, Musampa, left, and Veldman, in training for the match at Ibrox tonight, where they hope to secure a quarter-final place

Rangers take a chance on Wilson

By KEVIN McCarra

THE European Cup Champions' League match at Ibrox this evening will be one of the rare occasions in which Ajax are made to appear irredeemably staid. The Dutch club has a brash tradition of pitching voungsters into important games, but even they might balk at the notion of givin teenager his debut on such a

Scott Wilson, 19, is to start against Ajax in exactly those circumstances, but his selection owes more to Rangers' desperation than to their audacity. In August his club, in accordance with Uela require-ments, nominated 25 players for use in the six Champions' League matches and 13 of them have since succumbed to injury or suspension.

son, a centre half, to be used. He will replace Gough, the Rangers' captain, who collected his second booking of the tournament during the 4-1 defeat in Amsterdam a fort-

night ago. Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said: "Like a lot of the younger ones, Scott is in fourth year at lidrox ark has come out of a very successful youth team. The most common gripe from them is that they don't get enough opportunities to play in the first team. Well, he's got one now."

This, however, is hardly the most favourable moment for him to try his hand at senior football Rangers have lost their first three games in the Champions' League this season, extending to 11 matches their run of fixtures without a

Wilson will be confronted this evening by Patrick Kluivert.

The Ajax forward, whose goal defeated AC Milan in the 1995 final of the tournament. has been poorly protected from his own enthusiastic

desire to take part this season and earlier attempts to return after a knee injury suffered in the spring proved premature. Kluivert, 20, is making more measured progress in his lat-est comeback and he has scored on his last two-

appearances. Smith, understandably, avoided direct comparison of the resources available to each

win in the group stage of the club. "With so many players European Cup. Worse still, missing," he said, "the tactical part is less important to us. We have to get people together and working to put Ajax under pressure. We did a bit of that at the start of the match in

> Rangers will be captained by Brian Laudrup, who bees of the sou of quality and experience possessed by Gough and Paul Gascoigne, who, like Alex Cleland and Craig Moore, are suspended. The Dane could only echo his manager's words and hope that some mighty spirit of collective endeavour can be summoned up

> by a patchwork team. If all such talk amounts only to wishful thinking, this could be a particularly distressing night for the Scots. Ajax cannot afford to dawdle

when their place in the quar-ter-finals of the European Cup-is still to be claimed in addition, Louis van Gaal's club has yet to prove that it can survive as a major institution.

The Bosman ruling re-

moved Edgar Davids and Michael Reiziger, without compensation, this surjude: and Khrivert and same basis next year. For new, though. Aiax remain rich in talent and mounted a show of strength by deciding that Dani, who scored twice against Rangers in Amsterdam, did not even merit'a place in the party brought to Glasgow.

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Takeover could halt Yorkshire move

By SIMON WILDE

LEEDS rugby league club is to remain at Headingley, rather than relocate to Elland Road, after a takeover yesterday. The new owner of the ground, Paul Caddick, is to make fresh efforts to persuade Yorkshire county cricket club to stay there, rather than move to a new £50 million site near The directors of Leeds

Cricket. Football and Athletic Company rejected a rival bid from Caspian, owners of Leeds United football club, which committed the rugby league team to a move to Elland Road. This proposal had angered supporters of both clubs, who expressed their opposition with a petition bearing 14,000 signatures.

The rules, however, also

Caddick is chairman of Leeds rugby union club's development committee and was a former player with Headingley and Castleford. He made it clear yesterday that he wanted Headingley to be a centre for both rugby codes, as well as cricket. Yorkshire's proposed move

has met with fierce opposition. with members intent on calling a public meeting and a ballot to properly weigh feelings. Despite such threats, the club appears to be intent on going ahead, despite doubts over the likelihood of receiving £28 million from the National

This site [Headingley] is just not sustainable without cricket," Caddick said yesterday. "In the past, they [Yorkshirel have been tenants and have had very little financial benefit from the site. Perhaps new arrangements can be made whereby they could gain benefits.

I'm very firmly of the belief that Yorkshire will not leave Headingley. It is unrealistic to expect public funds to be used to support a £50 million ground for a five-day annual event [a Test match]."

Caddick bought a majority

shareholding in Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Club ifter joining forces with Gary Hetherington, chairman and founder of Sheffield Eagles, who joins Leeds as chief

There was immediate speculation that Hetherington might attempt to bring in Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, to whom he is assistant on the South Pacific tour, in an attempt to improve the rugby league club's fortunes.

Leeds had a disappointing first season in the Super League and Caddick has promised funds will be available to strengthen the team.



Time & Tide finishes with a flourish

he may have been the last in, but even the sun, which has been in short supply over the last few days, came out to welcome Time & Tide as she made her stately progress to the Yacht Club of Rio de Janeiro yesterday morning, where she received the biggest reception of all the first-leg finishers in the BT Global Challenge.

There were crew volunteers from all the other boats waiting to shout "three cheers" and amongst the first on board to congratulate the skipper. James Hatfield, and his disabled sailors was Boris Webber, whose Courtaulds International had finished 2½ hours earlier.

Hatfield's team had fought with Webber's every inch of the way over the last 2,000 miles and had taken the lead twice - for the second, tantalising time within a few miles of the finish — and were desperately disappointed not to have prevailed at the end. However, watching the **Edward Gorman**

witnesses the

completion of a remarkable journey

Time & Tide crew, which includes amputees, two with cerebral palsy and survivors of cancer, it was impossible not to be moved by their courage and determination not only to sail the Atlantic but to do so on such a heavy and physically demanding boat.
"We've got a lot of friends

throughout this fleet," Hatfield said as, one after another, his fellow Challengers shook his hand and patted him on the back. "My crew got used to the fact that they could drive the boat hard and be safe. We always said this was the training leg for us and that's exactly what it was. I'm very proud of them, they've done well." Courtaulds endured the

Global Challenge worst first leg of the fleet and emerged understandably de-

pressed to have finished in thirteenth place and almost four days behind the leader. Group 4, skippered by Mike Golding. A succession of mishaps brought them down after one of the best starts in the Solent. They missed the tide gate at Ushant, when II of the crew were incapacitated with seasickness. Several days' later, they blew two spinnakers and broke a pole. Gybing the spinnaker in any sort of breeze after that became a big undertaking, involving dropping the 3,500 sq ft sail, repacking it and then re-hoisting it. This took on average about two hours.

After a report in The Times about her decision to withdraw last week and Chay Blyth's search for a medicallyqualified person to take her place at short notice, three doctors have applied to fill her berth for the Cape Horn leg. The successful candidate, who is expected to be chosen today, will be required to pay the full fee for the leg of £6,800. Although all the skippers have undergone medical training. Blyth likes to have a doctor or paramedic on board

makes it even harder.'

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